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Public Notices.

THEATRE ROYAL, DUBLIN.
Mr. Harris begs to announce that
Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES KEAN
will appear for One Night Only,
SATURDAY, DEC. 22nd, 1860,
in Shakspere's
HENRY VIII.
terminating with the fall of Wolsey
Cardinal Wolsey, ... Mr. CHAS. KEAN.
Queen Katherine, ... Mrs CHAS. KEAN.
to conclude with the Comedy of
THE WONDER.
Don Felix, ...
Donna Violante, ... Mr. CHAS. KEAN.
The Performances to commence on this occasion at 7 o'clock. Mrs. CHAS. KEAN.
Box Office open on Thursday, Dec. 22.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.
On this WEDNESDAY EVENING, 12th December, 1860,
will be performed the celebrated Scotch Drama of
ROB ROY, Or Auld Lang Syne, with the Original Music—Rob Roy M'Gregor Campbell, Mr. W. Rumby; Bailie Nicol Jarvie, Mr. G. Vincent; Dougal, Mr. H. Vivash; Helen Macgregor, Miss S. Miles; Diana Vernon, Miss Bathurst.
Scarf Dance and Divertissement, by Miss Merrition and Corps de Ballet.
After which the Petite Comedy of
FAINT HEART NEVER WON FAIR LADY—Roy Gomez, Mr. Wybert Reeve; Charlotte de Torremova, Miss Miles.
Mr. FREDERIC MACCABE, Author and Composer of the new National Song, "The Shamrock," &c., &c., will sing "The Whistling Thief," Irish characteristic song, by Samuel Lover, Esq.
To conclude with the Favourite Piece of
MICHAEL ERLE—Michael Erle, Mr. G. Vincent; Philip D'Arville, Mr. H. Vivash; Mary, Miss Sophia Miles.
Doors open at half-past 6. Performances to commence at 7.
Admission—Boxes 2s; Pit, 1s; Lower Gallery, 6d; Upper Gallery, 3d. Second Price at 9 o'clock—Boxes 1s; Pit, 6.

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"We can confidently say, that no living actor or actress can perform the part of 'Mrs. Malaprop' equal to Mr. Frederic Maccabe."—Liverpool Mercury."

ROTUNDO ROOMS.
Entrance under the Clock.
FOR SIX NIGHTS ONLY!
This (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, December 12, 1860.
And Every Evening during the Week,
MADAME M. WILLIAMS,
the Celebrated Welsh Nightingale, from
Miss Jullien's Concerts, and Pupil of
Sir H. Bishop and Signors Cruvelli and Lunza,
Having just returned after a most successful tour with P. T. Barnum, throughout the United States of America, will give her
MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT,
Written expressly for her, by
SAMUEL LOVER, Esq.,
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THE LADY'S DREAM,
In which she will Impersonate Thirteen Different Characters
(in Costume).
Reserved seats, 3s; second seats, 2s; back ditto, 1s; Family Ticket, to admit Five to reserved seats, 12s; and to second seats, 8s.
Tickets may be had at Russell's Pianoforte Warerooms, 7, Westmoreland-street, and Messrs. Wisehart and Sons, 42, Lower Sackville-street; and at the Rotundo, from 10 to 4 o'clock.
Doors open at half-past seven; to commence at 8 o'clock.—Carriages may be ordered at 10.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.
CONCERT ROOMS,
GREAT BRUNSWICK-STREET.
The Members are informed that the next Concert for the Season will take place on THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 12th inst., at a quarter past 8 o'clock. The programme will include—Symphony in E flat (No. 1), Beethoven; Overture "La Fiancée d'Abydos," Auber; "Ruler of the Spirits," Weber. Solos, Harp—"Fantasia Brillante" and "Recollections of Normandy," Chatterton. Pianoforte, Fantasia—"Lucrezia Borgia" Liszt; "Restless Spirit" and "Serenade—Heller. Vocal selections from "Undine," "Robin Hood," &c.
The following Artistes have been exclusively engaged for this Concert:—
Madame LOUISA VINNING,
Miss LAURA BAXTER,
Mr. TENNANT,
Mr. ALLAN IRVING,
Pianoforte—Herr DULCKEN BOHRER,
Harp—Mr. FREDERICK CHATTERTON,
Conductor—Mr. BENEDICT.
Tickets will be issued This Day from Four to Half-past Five o'clock.
(By order)
HENRY BUSSELL, Sec.

PAUL DELAROCHE'S LAST GREAT WORK,
THE MARTYR.
Now Exhibiting at
A. LEGAGE'S
GALLERY,
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This beautiful Picture will be the last PAUL DELAROCHE, who PAINTED Napoleon at Fontainebleau, will be on view for a few days.
40, Lower Sackville-street.
N.B.—A. L. has just received from Paris all the Goods selected by himself as French Almanacs for 1861, Rich Colour Boxes, &c., and beautiful Albums for Photographic Visiting Cards, and Drawing Materials of all kinds in endless variety.

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ONE SHILLING PER SHARE.
THE DRAWING FOR PRIZES will positively take place on SATURDAY, December 15th, 1860, in the FREE TRADE HALL, MANCHESTER, on which occasion there will be distributed ONE THOUSAND PRIZES
upwards of
Original Paintings, by Miss Merrition and Corps de Ballet.
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Classes very limited.
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FREEMAN C. WILLS, A.B., T.C.D.
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Science Master—JOHN HOLMES, 2nd T.C.D.
Hebrew Master—ROBERT CONOLLY, Hebrew Scholar, T.C.D., lately Head Mathematical Master, Royal School, Dungannon.
Writing and Drawing Master—WILLIAM HAYWARD.
French and German Master—Rev. OSCAR KRAHMER, of Trinity College, Dublin.
A few Boarders received.
The object of this School have the exclusive right to a field in the neighbourhood.

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Legal Notices.

LANDED ESTATES COURT.
In the matter of
the Estate of
Samuel Philip Townsend,
Esq., a Vendor of Land.
WHEREAS, by a Decree, dated the 28th day of November, 1860, the said Samuel Philip Townsend agreed to sell to Robert Heard the TOWN and LANDS of LALACEROW, EAST MITCHELSTOWN, held in fee, situate in the Barony of Kinnatalloon and County of Cork, and that such contract should be carried into effect by the Landed Estates' Court: And whereas an order in the said Court, dated the 4th day of December, 1860, was ordered that the said agreement should be carried into effect, and a statutable conveyance of said lands executed to the said Robert Heard: All parties objecting to such conveyance are hereby made, are hereby required to take notice of such order: And all parties having claims on such lands may file such claims, verified, with the Clerk of the Records.
Dated this 5th day of December, 1860.
C. E. DOBBS, Examiner.
FRANCIS H. TUCKEY, Solicitor having carriage of proceedings, 13, Lower Ormond-quay, Dublin.

CONSISTORIAL COURT, DUBLIN.
In the matter of Re-building
of the Parish Church of saint
Andrew.
THE Vicar, Churchwardens, and Inhabitants of the Parish Church of saint Andrew and all persons having any interest in the premises, are hereby apprised that a Citation has been issued, on the 8th day of December instant, from the Consistorial Court of Dublin, calling on them to appear, by themselves or proctors, in the said Court, situate in Henrietta-street, Dublin, on the 5th day of January, 1861, between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock a.m., then and there to show cause, if any they have, why a Licence or Faculty to erect a New Church for said parish, pursuant to plans lodged in the Registry of said Court, and for removing the building over such graves as may be found necessary for the carrying out of said plans, and for extending the said building in the present churchyard, pursuant to a ground plan also lodged in the Registry of said Court; copies of said original citation, and the said ground plan, annexed thereto, have been, and now remain, posted on the following places, viz.—One on the door of said Old Church of saint Andrew's; one on the door of the Chapel, Trinity College, Dublin; and one in the Reading rooms of the Commercial Buildings, Dame-street, Dublin; and should any further information be required by any person, such will be given by ARTHUR SAMUELS, Proctor, 18, Fitzwilliam-street; WILLIAM ACHESON, Honorary Secretary to the building Committee, 109, Grafton-street; or at the Chambers of the Rev. BENJAMIN H. WALKER, Solicitor to said Committee, 22, Saint Andrew-street, Dublin.

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November 1st, 1860.

FURNISHED HOUSE, 2, Mount Talbot-terrace, near Rathmines. Terms moderate.—Apply to Mr. O'Connor, 21, Bachelor's-walk.

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Lodgings.

RESPECTABLE LODGINGS, with or without Board, may be had in private families, on applying to Mr. O'Connor, 21, Bachelor's-walk.

Auctions.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, without reserve, on THIS WEDNESDAY DEC. 12th, 1860, at One o'clock, at the LION IRON WORKS, GREEK-STREET, DUBLIN, for Messrs. A. Jones and Son, by order of the Proprietor (who is retiring from business), the remainder of his stock, comprising some beautiful entrance gates; cottage and farm gates, lawn, hall, and piggery gates; about 60 feet of strong fence railing, a handsome verandah for front of hall-door or parlour window; three balconies, garden seats, 3 feet by 2 feet 6 inches; road picks and hammers; bar racks and mangers, forge bellows and anvils, a powerful punching press and taps; cats brackets, a large assortment of gas brass, with it ch quantity of fence wire, lumber, &c., &c., office counters, and a quantity of stone.
Sale, 84, Stephen's-green, Dec. 5th, 1860.

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TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, in the PUBLIC SALE-ROOMS, No. 8, UPPER ORMOND-QUAY, on THIS DAY (Wednesday), the 12th December, 1860, at the hour of Two o'clock in the Afternoon, a very superior Wrought Iron Fireproof Safe, finished in the best manner, with Chubbs' Locks all through. This Safe or Plate Closet stands 4ft. 3in. in height, 3ft. in breadth, and 2ft. 3in. in depth. The inside is fitted with two shelves, two deep drawers, and a small safe, all admirably arranged for the security of Plate, Books, Deeds, &c. Also, a highly finished Safe, Fireproof, 2ft. 10in. high, 2ft. wide, and 20in. deep, with one Shelf, and two Drawers within. Both Safes have Duplicate Keys.
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Chimney Ornaments, poles and rings;
Carpets and Rugs,
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Two small Pier Cabinets, with trellis doors; Venetian, Zinc, and Roller Blinds;
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IRISH CHURCH MISSIONS TO ROMAN CATHOLICS.
Roman Catholics, Priests and People, all come to the debate in the Fishamble-street Meeting, on This (Wednesday) Evening, December 12, 1860, at Half-past Seven o'clock.
Subject: "Extreme Unction no Sacrament and unscriptural."
President—Mr. JAS. HOUSTON.
"And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them."—Mark vi. 13, Roman Catholic Translation of the Bible.
Maldonatus observes on this verse—"If Extreme Unction be not here, where is it?"
But yet the Council of Trent ventures only to say "that it was instituted by St. Mark in this same verse."—Session xiv. chap. 1, on Extreme Unction.
Of the priests of Rome we may say they have "anointed with oil many that were sick;" but can we add what follows—"and healed them"?
Why, if it be for the purpose of healing the sick, is it called "Extreme Unction," and "the sacrament of the departing"?—Counc. Trent, Sess. xiv. chap. 3.
Does not St. James (v. 15) say—"The prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up"?
Are the priests of Rome unable to offer "the prayer of faith"? Do they not pray several times for the recovery of the sick man? Why is recovery so rare?
Does not St. James say (v. 16) say—"The continual prayer of a just man availeth much"? Why do the priests' prayers avail so little?
Does not St. James say—"And if he (the sick man) be in sins, they shall be forgiven him"? And does not the Council of Trent say that, "Whatever sins yet remain to be expiated" are, by extreme unction, wiped out? (chap. 2). What remains, then, for purgatory to do?
Why does Dr. MacHale misquote this passage thus?—St. James says—"If a man be sick among you, let him bring to the priest; let him anoint him, pray over him, and if he is to sins they will be forgiven him."—James v. 14.—The "Christian Doctrine."—p. 65.
So What is the teaching of the Church of Rome respecting Extreme Unction?
"Whosoever shall affirm that Extreme Unction is not truly and properly a sacrament, instituted by Christ our Lord, and published by the blessed Apostle James, but only a ceremony received from the Fathers, or a human invention, let him be accursed."—14th Sess. 3 c. p. 1, Canon of the Council of Trent.
Q. When did Christ institute it.
A. The time is uncertain; some think it was instituted at the last supper; others that it was done between his resurrection and ascension."—Abrid. of Christian Doctrine, published with the sanction of the Roman Catholic authorities of Ireland.
Is the time and place of the institution of the sacraments of the Lord's Sup. er and Baptism uncertain?—See Matt. xxvi. 26, and following verses; Luke xxii. 19, and following verses; 1 Corr. xi. 23-26; Matt. xxviii. 19.
Can this newly-invented sacrament of Extreme Unction be thus proved?
No. All the learning and ingenuity of all the learned men among Roman Catholics cannot point out in the Word of God any passage that could be tortured into an institution by Christ Jesus of the sacrament of Extreme Unction. It is an invention of the twelfth century, stamped y got up in the dark ages, and imposed on Christendom, by the first time by Pope Eugenius, at the Council of Trent.
Hear what St. John saith—"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."—1 John, i. 7, Dr. Cullen's Bible.
Roman Catholic friends, bring your Bibles—prove all things—hold fast that which is good.—1 Thess. v. 23, R. C. Bible.

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MONEY MARKET AND COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

[WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE IRISH TIMES.]

Dublin, Tuesday Evening.

The apprehensions caused in financial circles, by the recent Monetary panic in America, seem to be almost lost sight of in the unfavourable character of the latest news from China; a protracted war being now inevitable, and the expenses of which may probably necessitate a loan. The English Funds consequently displayed renewed symptoms of depression; a fall of one-eighth per cent. being submitted to. In our local market a weak tone was likewise perceptible, and business was much circumscribed.

In Local Debentures, the only business effected was in Ballast Office, which fell back to 90. In Railway Debentures there was also but one quotation, viz.—in Waterford and Limericks—of 5 per cent., which realised par.

Banking Securities were passed over without dealings; Hibernians and Nationals were both offered for sale.

The only alteration in Steampacket Shares occurred in Atlantics, for which an advance of 5s 6d was readily procured, there being still sought after at the improved prices. Dublin and Liverpool Builders were done at their former value (£544). There were sellers of the several denominations of the City of Dublin Shares; as also of Dundalks (Limited).

In Mines, a considerable amount of activity prevailed. There was a further jump of 2s in Tarravores; there being still a good demand for more at the advanced quotation. Carysforts and Castlewarts were unchanged, the former appearing steady. Connorrees exhibited scarcely any change to-day; the closing quotations for both present and deferred transfer being merely a shade higher than yesterday, at which, however, the market ended steadily. General Mines opened at a decline of one-eighth, but subsequently moved up to the preceding price (£5¼), at which there remained sellers; buyers at the lower price. Mining Company of Ireland receded one-half, but left off with buyers. Wicklow Coppers were likewise lower to a similar extent, and rather offered at a reduction, the tone of the market indicating considerable heaviness.

Operations in the Miscellaneous group were restricted to Grand Canal Stock, which was without change and firm.

In Original Railway Securities—Dublin and Belfast Junctions were a shade higher, and Dublin and Drogheda (£75) passed hands at their previous closing steadily at their respective quotations. Great Southern and Western Stock declined one-quarter per cent., at which, however, more would be taken, holders demanding a recovery to the former price. A drop of one-quarter is also recorded in the case of Midland Great Western Whole Shares, steadiness being apparent at the depreciation. Waterford and Limericks continued in good demand at an improvement of 5s. Cork and Bandons and Dublin and Drogheda were also in request for, a reduced rate being named in the latter instance. Cork and Passages were on sale at their previous rate (£10).

In Preference—Last rates were steadily upheld in the cases of Dundalk and Enniskillen Shares, at £5 per cent. each. A rather smart advance to the extent of three-quarters per share is marked in Portadown and Dungannon six per cents., which manifested a steady appearance at the improved quotation. The issue of these shares by the company is now supposed to have been completed, and this may probably have caused the upward movement just referred to.

DUBLIN STOCK AND SHARE LIST—Dec. 11.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.			
3 per Cent. Consols	—	—	shut
Ditto for new account, 8th January	—	—	—
New 3 per Cent. Stock	—	—	91½
BANKS.			
Bank of Ireland	—	—	244½
National	—	—	—
LOCAL DEBENTURES.			
Ballast Office Debentures 4 per cent	—	—	90½
RAILWAYS.			
Atlantic (Limited)	—	—	38
Dublin and Liverpool Steam Ship Building	—	—	54½
Ditto, redeemable	—	—	65½
MINES.			
Barravore Silver Lead (Limited)	—	—	7 8
Castlewrd United (Limited)	—	—	5½
General Mining Company (Limited)	—	—	6¼
Caryafort (Limited)	—	—	20s
Connorree (Limited)	—	—	60 64
Wicklow Copper (Limited)	—	—	72
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Patriotic Insurance	—	—	—
RAILWAYS.			
Dublin and Belfast Junction	—	—	43½
Dublin and Drogheda	—	—	74½
Great Southern and Western	—	—	113½
Midland Great Western	—	—	57
Waterford and Limerick	—	—	27½
RAILWAY PREFERENCE.			
Portadown Dungannon &c. 6 per cent, preference till December 1868 afterwards 5 per cent.			26
Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford, 6 per cent. perpetual			103½
Dundalk and Enniskillen			103½
Great Southern and Western, 4 per cent. perpetual			99½

On Saturdays business commences at half-past twelve o'clock, and the stockbrokers' offices are closed at three o'clock.
The next account will commence on the 15th December
No one to be entitled on or before the 14th

PRICES OF IRISH STOCKS.

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Frid.	Sat.
3 per cent. Consols	—	92½	92	92½	92½	92½
Ditto for Account	92½	92½		92½		
3 per Cent. Reduced	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 per Cent. New Stock	91½	91½	91	91½	91½	91½
Ditto for Account	—	91½	91		91½	
Ditto for Account	—	91½	91		91½	

(BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.)

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE—DECEMBER 11,
OPENING PRICES.

Consols Money	shut
Account	shut
New Threes	92½
NOON PRICES.	
Consols Money	shut
Account	92½
New Threes	92½
1 P.M. PRICES.	
Consols Money	shut
Account	92½
New Threes	92½
2-15 P.M. PRICES.	
Consols Money	shut
Account	92½
New Threes	92½
CLOSING PRICES.	
Consols Money	shut
Account	92½
New Threes	92½

NOTE SUMMARY.—Exchequer Bills 5 dis; Eastern Counties, 52½; Caledonians, 96½; Great Northern, 110; Great Western, 71½; Great Western of Canada, 10½; Great Southern and Western, 113½; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 125; London and North Western, 102½; Leeds Northern, 67½; London and Northern, —; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, —; Midland Stock, 86½; South Eastern, 64½; York, Newcastle, and Berwick, 19½; York and North Midland, 93½; London and South Western, 95; Great Western, —; Chester and Holyhead, —; Account, —; Great Western A, 108 107½; Great Western Thanks, 24½; Great Western, —; Mexican, —; Turkish (new), —; Ditto (old), —; Edinburgh and Glasgow, —; Turkish (old), —; Canadian Stock, —. Consols are rather dull at 92½. The share markets continue firm and have improved a shade, and are steady with little change from yesterday. London and North Western is at 101½. Canadian very steady.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

(TIMES' CITY ARTICLE.)

Monday Evening.

The telegram from China, showing a prolonged expenditure, caused the English Funds to open this morning at a decline of one-eighth, but the market ultimately exhibited a tendency to firmness. The demand for discount at the Bank to-day was limited, the general rate for best paper in the open market being 4¼ per cent. There were no gold withdrawals from the Bank to-day. There was a fall of nearly one-fourth per cent. on the Paris Bourse to-day, occasioned probably, by the news from China. The Railway market has been in a quiet position, business generally having proved limited. The principal feature was an advance of nearly one per cent. in London and North-Western shares, but this was badly supported at the close. Midland, Lancashire, and Yorkshire, and North-Eastern were rather lower, sales having augmented.

(DAILY NEWS' CITY ARTICLE.

Monday Evening.

The Stock markets to-day were principally influenced by the important news from China. In lieu of a mere expedition we have a war on our hands. The cost is the prominent consideration, and a loan may become necessary. Under the influence of these considerations the news from America seems to attract only a secondary degree of interest to-day and consols declined one-eighth to three-fourth per cent., closing with a heavy appearance. In the Share markets firmness prevailed, although comparative dullness was observable at the close. Business at the Discount office at the Bank to-day was only moderate in amount, but in the open market a good demand was experienced at 4¼ to 5 per cent. for the best bills.

FUNDS AND SHARES.

Amberg, Nottingham, and Eastern Junction, —; Caledonians, 96¾; Chester and Holyhead, 52 to 8½; Eastern Counties, 52½; Edinburgh and Glasgow, 88 to 9; Grand Trunk of Canada, 6¾; London and South Western, 95½; Leeds Northern, 67½; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 49½; South Eastern, 64½; Midland Stock, 134¾ 5; North British, 63½; York, Newcastle, and Berwick, 104¾; York and North Midland, 93½ 93-4; Great Southern 113 14; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 118½ 19; Great Northern, 110 11; Great Western, 73½; Great Northern (A) 106¾ 7; Great Western of Canada, —; London and North Western, 102½; Consols Money, —; Account, 92¾; New Threes, 92¾; Exchequer Bills, —; Bank Stock, —. Consols are dull at 92¾. Shares were dull and inactive until nearly the close, when they suddenly declined, closing weak at above rates. It is rumoured that a special court of bank directors has been called to-day (Tuesday), to arrange for the time for which powers were obtained at the end of last session.

ENGLISH FUNDS.

CITY, TUESDAY.—Funds remain flat under the influence of the news from China, which caused a large expenditure to be looked for. Consols were dull at the reduction which took place yesterday. London and North Western Railway Stock continues in active demand.

FRENCH FUNDS.

PARIS, TUESDAY, 3-27 P.M.—Bourse continues dull. Rentes close at 68 90, or 5c. lower than on yesterday.

STATE OF THE MARKETS.

(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE IRISH TIMES.)

Dublin, Tuesday Evening.

The probable effects of the present crisis in America have not been similarly estimated on both sides of the Atlantic. In the United States, for example, the apprehensions raised by the Secession movement had shaken confidence to its centre, while all along a feeling prevailed in England that the excitement would soon settle down, and it is now supposed that the worst features of the panic have disappeared. It is to be hoped that this latter opinion, formed at a distance from the scenes of turmoil and agitation, will turn out to be nearly correct, if not for our sakes, at least for the good of Americans themselves. Previously to the Presidential election, that country had never occupied a sounder or more prosperous condition; the cotton crop, last year, was large, and this year it was a good one, and, besides, the cereal crops were plentiful, with a corresponding foreign demand, and these benefits taken in connexion with light importations and contracted trading in foreign goods for the last two years, had brought the general business of the country to such a position of solid strength as it had never before known. It is pleasing, however, to observe the good results which have been produced by the movements adopted by the New York and Boston banks, commercial pressure having been greatly relieved thereby, and the calm manner in which the proceedings in America are viewed here will, doubtless, create a very favourable effect throughout the United States. Private advices received towards the close of the past week, moreover, had improved the confidence previously existing, and contributed in some degree to the advance in Consols on Saturday last, though it was at the same time known that the Persian steamer had sailed with a heavy treasury freight. Up to the latter day the remittances to America had amounted to nearly £1,000,000, and discount rates are expected, in consequence, to become firmer as the quarter advances. An impression also is beginning to arise that an augmentation in rates will ensue if the shipments of specie to New York be not speedily arrested. Respecting proceedings in China, the accounts by telegram are considered discouraging, from the expectation that hostilities will become protracted, and both in London and Paris the Funds have declined in consequence. At the Bank of England there was not the slightest pressure on yesterday for discount accommodation, but our commercial correspondents were more active. Cocoa remained unchanged, but was very quiet, but the transactions on the spot showed no material alteration; there was better disposition to buy floating cargoes of the latter although offered on easier terms. Tea resting spices there were some sales of Pimento and of Singapore black pepper, but no transactions to notice in ginger or cassia lignea. In oils, palm was unchanged in value, and the demand for it was barely so good, but the advanced rates of the previous week continued to be paid. Linseed was quiet, but steady at the quotations, and rape oil met with a fair demand, with easier prices for both brown and pale. The demand for tallow was limited, and lower prices were accepted.

The tea market has not been affected by the China telegrams in consequence of the heavy supplies in stock and on the water, and that article accordingly remains dull without any alteration in prices. Scarcely any business was done in London on yesterday in the produce markets, the public sales which were to come forward having chiefly engaged attention, and at Mincing-lane to-day sugar was quite a nominal article, and in which coffee was going at the public sales at a slight reduction on last week's currencies. Rice and saltpetre were both quiet, but the latter was steady.

Regarding tallow in London, Messrs. Smith and Charles, writing on yesterday, report as follows:—"There was more speculative demand for tallow last week, and prices advanced 9d per cwt in all positions; at the same time unbroken tallow—from which the trade is just now chiefly supplied—was without material change. To-day the market is steady, and our quotations are—Spot 60s 3d; all the year, 60s 3d; January to March, 61s; April to June, 59s 6d; October to December, 58s; town tallow, 57s 9d nett cash; South American, 59s first pipes; Australian beef, 57s 6d to 58s; Odessa beef, 59s. Palm oil; Lagos, 47s 6d; cocoanut oil; Cochin, 55s 6d; Ceylon, 54s; Sidney, 52s, 2¼ per cent off. Rough fat 3s 1½d.

PARTICULAR S.

	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
	Casks.	Casks.	Casks.	Casks.	Casks.
Stock this day	18,576	35,124	33,264	49,649	78,360
Price of P.Y.C.	59s 3d	52s 3d	51s 9d	55s 9d to 55s 0d	60s 6d
Delivery last week	2,231	2,947	2,861	1,630	1,457
Do. from 1st June	72,078	69,732	60,558	48,401	50,921
Arrived last week	1,399	1,192	6,864	93	1,179
Do. from 1st June	71,674	84,744	82,255	89,935	88,036
Price of Town	60s 3d	55s 9d	53s 6d	57s 3d	60s 3d

Provisions—The demand in London for all kinds of Irish butter has been inactive, and prices were barely supported in the past week. Cork was selling at from 84s to 114s; Limerick, 102s to 108s; and Carlow, 108s to 110s. Foreign parcels gave way quite as per cwt, and English was a dull inquiry and rather cheaper. In bacon very little was doing, and all other provisions were very dull in the above market, and rather drooping in price.

Cattle—In Liverpool, on yesterday, beef was on the advance, probably from the supply of cattle having been much less than last week, and higher prices were obtained, especially for the better qualities, with a good demand prevailing. The number of sheep at market was much the same as at previous markets, and a good inquiry was experienced without, however, any change in value having taken place. In the London market, on same day, there was only a moderate show of foreign stock, and the demand for it was inactive at last week's prices. The supply of English beasts was by no means extensive, but there was no improvement in their general condition. All prime breeds moved off freely, at fully last Monday's currency, but inferior were a slow inquiry, on former terms. A few very superior Scots, crosses, &c., made rather over 5s per 8lbs, which, however, was the general top figure. The market was moderately supplied with sheep, the general condition of which was inferior. Prime Downs and half-breds moved off steadily, at very full prices, the extreme value of the former being 5s 8d per 8lbs, otherwise the mutton trade was in a sluggish state on former terms. Calves were in rather limited supply, and moved off slowly at Thursday's decline. Pigs were also slow of sale. The great Christmas market will be held on Monday.

Grain, &c.—The reported close last week of navigation by ice, in the ports of the Baltic, and Sea of Azoff, imparted confidence to holders, and prevented any very material decline in the past week in the value of grain and flour, which the continued influx of foreign corn into the United Kingdom was likely to have otherwise produced. The wants, moreover, manifesting themselves through the inferiority of the English crops, contributed also to strengthen importers. In the floating cargo trade great inactivity prevailed during the past week, and the sales of wheat cargoes were limited, at prices 1s to 2s under the quotations of the previous week. For maize there was no demand, potatoes being now forced into the market, and inferior kinds of wheat selling at low prices. Oats declined and barley was 1s cheaper on the week. Linseed was also lower when compared with the previous week's rates Notwithstanding, however, the depressing influence exercised in trade generally by the excessive importation of foreign grain, and the tightness in the money market, the week was considered to have closed with rather an improving aspect, and the change of prices in Liverpool, on Friday, was regarded as some evidence of this, bearing in mind particularly the enormous supply at that port from America, over 94,000 quarters of wheat and 38,000 barrels of flour having been received there from the latter place from the 4th to the 6th instant. At Mark-lane on yesterday the expectation which had been entertained of prices improving was to some extent realised, and although the supplies of foreign wheat continued to be very large, the demand for all kinds was somewhat firmer, and in some instances rates were the turn higher but the business transacted was by no means extensive, and in the floating cargo trade the demand was also not very active, but prices were firmly held by importers. The supply of English wheat at market was very moderate, but the condition was somewhat better, and from the limited number of samples on offer, and the steadiness in most of the country markets, there was more firmness in the demand for both red and white qualities, which, in some instances, brought more money; say, 1s per quarter, and at that amount of improvement the bulk of the samples may be said to have found buyers. The quantity of barley for sale was also small, and nearly all kinds were in improved request, with prices generally well supported. Oats were also in moderate supply, and changed hands steadily at very full prices; and the flour trade was also steady, at last week's rates. The improvement in the latter market, together with the advance in Liverpool, on Friday, has caused more firmness to be manifested here. At our Corn Exchange to-day the supply of foreign grain was small, and native wheat was rather dearer, but foreign was not active. Indian corn was firmly held, and both oats and barley were against the buyer. The reports from the English markets held to-day are likely to make sellers continue firm. The following are the quotations of this day's Dublin market, viz.:—White wheat, 30s to 32s; red, 26s to 30s 6d; barley, 16s to 21s; oats, 16s 6d to 17s 6d; rape, 26s to 30s; oats, 13s to 16s; oatmeal, 15s to 17s; bakers' flour, 19s 6d to 23s; Indian corn, Ibralla, 38s 6d to 39s; Galatz, 39s to 40s; and white, 43s to 45s 6d. As to foreign wheat, Berdianski brought to-day 33s, and Ghirka 31s to 31s 6d per barrel.

In Leeds, Hull, and Newcastle corn market, held to-day, prices for some articles were against the buyer, and at Liverpool, wheat was in strong demand, at an advance of 3d per cental, which is equivalent to about 8d per barrel. Flour was also looked after at an improvement of 6d to 1s per barrel; Indian corn was in more favour, and both oats and oatmeal were steady.

Linseed Cake—Liverpool prices are £12 to £12 5s per ton for English; £11 to £11 5s for American thin; and £9 5s to £9 10s for French. In Hull, the quotations of this day for cakes were from £10 15s to £11 per ton.

Guano—In Liverpool—Peruvian rates from £12 to £13 5s, Upper Peruvian, at £7 5s; Kooria Mooria, £4 to £5; and Ichaboe, in bags, at £5 15s per ton.

DUBLIN CORN EXCHANGE—TUESDAY.

Our corn market was very rarely supplied, especially with farmers' wheat, everything was in brisk demand at a small advance on the currencies of Friday last. An increased inquiry for Friday's corn, at an improvement of 1s per quarter.

	s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s.
White wheat	30 0 to 32 0		Oatmeal	15 0 to 17s	
Red do.	26 0 to 30 6		Rapeseed	26 0 to 30s	
Barley	16 0 to 21 0		Bakers' flour	19 6 to 23s	
Bere	16 6 to 17 6		Indian corn	36 0 to 40s	
Oats	13 0 to 16 0		per 480lbs		

LONDON PRODUCE MARKET, DEC. 11.—There is no new feature in the Colonial produce market to-day. Little inquiry for saltpetre. Tallow quiet, at 60s 3d spot and year; 61s January to March; 59s 6d April and June; 58s October to December.

LIVERPOOL CORN MARKET, DEC. 11.—Moderate attendance of millers. Wheat, in strong demand at an advance of 3d per cental. Flour in moderate demand, at an improvement of 6d to 1s per barrel. Oats and oatmeal slow. Indian corn in more favour, and fully as dear.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET DEC. 11, 1860.—Sugar unaltered. Rice—To effect sales, lower prices would have to be accepted. Linseed—Previous rates not obtainable.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET, DEC. 11.—Cotton market very firm. Sales fully 8,000 bales, including 3,000 on speculation and for export.

HULL CORN MARKET.—We have a short supply of English wheat, which sold at rather better prices. Foreign sold freely, and in some cases more money paid. Spring corn unaltered in value, with good retail sales. Linseed cakes, £10 15s to £11.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, DEC. 11.—Wheat firm, but holders ask more for foreign. In south country not much doing; prices firm. Malting barley dull. Oats steady at last prices. Beans and peas rather cheaper.

LEEDS CORN MARKET, DEC. 11.—Wheat firm, at Friday's rates, with a moderate business. Barley steady, and no change. Beans and oats in alteration.

MANCHESTER TRADE REPORT DEC. 11.—We have dull markets as regards yarns, but dull and unsatisfactory as regards cloth, especially the eastern qualities. Goods are heavy of sale, and stock is accumulating on hands.

LIVERPOOL, COTTON MARKET, DEC 11.—Market firmer in tone, but so far not very much doing. Sales probably about 8,000 or more. Imports 12,164; previously 14,539.

BELFAST PORK MARKET, DEC. 10.—The pigs in today's market numbered 1,697, and prices ranged from 55s to 60s.

OATMEAL CORN MARKET, DEC. 11.—White wheat, 28s 6d to 33s 6d; red ditto, 25s to 30s; barley 16s to 20s 6d; oats, 11s 6d to 15s 6d.

CORK BUTTER MARKET, DEC. 11.—Firsts, 114s; seconds, 108s; thirds 97s; fourths, 86s; fifths, 80s; sixths, 68s 80s in market.

REVIEW OF THE BRITISH CORN TRADE DURING THE PAST WEEK.

With the utmost aversion to the resumption of a melancholy strain, the stubbornness of facts urges a continuance of complaints both as to the unpropitious character of the season and of future prospects. The light, well-drained lands have again by far the best chance of remunerative returns. Almost incessant rains have nearly water-logged the cold clays and low-situated localities, and much of the wheat crop must depend upon the sowings of spring. The new wheat has come very to hand as the consequence of the bad weather, and the trade, to be properly described, must be left in twain, or viewed as exhibiting a double current moving in opposite directions. The price of old wheat and fine dry new has rather come to a dead lock, or lean forced it will rate to meet the expenses of kiln-drying. With out this process much is only serviceable for cattle food. Indeed, so low is the estimation of the value of new samples that town millers have found the best only fit for mixing with good foreign, in the small proportion of one-sixteenth. This will explain the high rates of town-made flour, and the general neglect into which all new English wheat has fallen. If only one-sixteenth is usable, by first-rate millers, the bulk (while good foreign is within reach) must be neglected till it is dried, either artificially or naturally. So convinced of this have farm ers lately become, that many markets have had but small supplies, and the reduction of the quantity on offer has alone kept prices where they are, in the midst of an abundance of foreign. The Continental markets, though generally dull and affected by the late English advices, show but little decline, the Italian States noting a slight

March. This does not sound very terrible, especially when we remember that there are temples enough all about to house twenty such armies as are now occupying the country between Taku and Pekin, that there can be no reason why a single man should be one night from under cover, and that the Chinese have been so good as to fortify very comfortable posts all along the r ad.

If our people can hold their own against the levies of Sulansin—and we have not much fear that all the hordes of Tartary can do any more than harass our communications a little—then we see nothing either to tremble at or to pity in the position of our army in China. They must depend upon themselves during the winter months, for the sea is more dangerous than John Chinaman, and the ships cannot lie in that Gulf all the winter. They must land their stores and seek a winter harbour. Before the thaws of spring we hope Lord Elgin will have done his work effectually; for with the thaws and the hot sunshine of April will come floods and saturated marshes, and storms of proverbial fierceness, and fevers, and agues, and ophthalmia. In the present view of circumstances, however, there is nothing to regret, except only our credulity in talking into the snare set for us by the Chinese, and nothing immediately to desire, except only that Lord Elgin should signally punish the murderers of Captain Anderson and Mr. De Norman, and should recover for us in safety Mr. Bowlby and Captain Brabazon.

PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

London, Monday.

Balfe's new opera, the "Bravo's Bride," has achieved a great success. The story on which the plot is arranged has already appeared in various forms. The Duke of Ferara presents himself with the permission of the Duke of Milan, her father, as suitor to Biancas' hand, but anxious to secure the young lady's affections by his personal merits adopts a soldier's character under the name of Odoardo, and wins distinction in the Duke's armies, and a place in the affections of Bianca. Taking the command of an expedition against a brigand Fortespada, he traces the robber to his lair, and induces him to divulge a plot against the life of the duke, his daughter, and principal ministers. Odoardo now acts the brigand's part until betraying his conspirators, he saves the lives of his Bianca and her father. The Princess's hand is won, and Odoardo resumes his original part. Mr. Harrison acts the three characters well. Some of the songs drew down raptures of encores, and promise to try the voices of many of the drawing-room warblers in the ensuing Christmas times. Balfe has added another to his former victories, and has proved that Irish genius has many conquests yet in store.

The inns of Court Corps are about to present their Irish Colonel Brewster—who if not a lawyer, is the son of one—with a handsome testimonial to evince their gratitude for the proficiency to which he has worked them up. At the official inspection of this Battalion, Colonel M'Murdo gave them the highest praise, and hoped when next year, he should be called on to discharge the same pleasant duty, he should find them equally well up in drill, better he could not expect them to be. The Colonel is a general favourite. As one of the Oxford University Boat Crew, he is remembered amongst many of the rising barristers, whilst others welcome him for the celebrity he won at the Cape, where he was invalided. I need hardly add that the Irish element, perhaps in the faint hope that his glories may reflect back thereon, never wearies of his praises.

The Government declines to accept the services of the ancient Forresters as volunteers because they belong to a secret society. One would imagine that the Duke of Newcastle had a finger in this move, to shield himself in the course which he adopted in Canada, but that Government avoids a precedent in making use of the followers of Robin Hood, shows plainly their anxiety to distrust Englishmen. The announcement of the Ministerial resolution comes well, at a time when the Duke of Newcastle is being inducted as Provincial Grand Master of a kindred society—the Freemasons.

The name of Lord Robert Montague has been spoken of for the last two or three days as the new Conservative Whip. I can hardly imagine that the choice has fallen on the noble Lord, for, however, efficient he may be in other respects his youth does not qualify him with either the requisite tact or knowledge to manage so important a post. However, the skill which all accord to Colonel Taylor in the discharge of the duties leaves the second officials part a sinecure. It was most amusing to watch Messrs. Brand and Huggeson last session on the important nights bewildered with the game that the member for the County Dublin was playing them, and by the summons of Sir William Hayter to their aid, stamping the mark of incompetence on their own movements. Should Colonel Taylor not grow wearied of his skill it will be of little consequence, whom he may summon to his aid.

The late contest at Oxford for the Sanskrit professorship took literary politicians in London by storm, and wherever you went you found yourself in the middle of a congress discussing the merits of two candidates to a thousand a year. The contest, as far as I was interested in it, resolved itself into this, that one party abused a candidate for being orthodox and an Englishman, while the *Times* and its partisans looked to Max Müller as a "deus ex machina" to save us from bad scholarship. The Tories are abused for supporting the successful man, Mr. Williams, so for curiosity I watched the lists and found amongst Max Müller's best supporters the names of Major Beresford, Lord Henry Lennox, Mr. Egerton, the member for Lancashire; Mr. Henley, and Mr. Mowbray. This is but one of the many instances in which the Conservatives are abused here on false principles. I shall just hint at another, and dismiss the fallacious topic. It is said that the Tories guarantee an undying opposition to Reform. Two of the most active in getting up a university memorial in honor of him are Lord Stanley and Mr. Walpole.

The telegram from China was read in the different theatres on Saturday night, and worked the audiences into enthusiasm at the plays produced. It is said that the foremost of the China leaders is an English marine.

Not to hoist my own petard, I may just hint that the changes which I mentioned some time since are likely to take place in the Admiralty by Sir Baldwin Walker returning to active duty, and Lord Paget being broker returning to active duty, and Lord Paget being ker returning to active duty, and Lord Paget being placed over the iron ship-building department, received more information last week. Sir B. Walker relieves Sir H. Keppel from his unpleasant station at the Cape, where it was impossible for him and Sir G. Grey to keep on amicable terms in consequence of the unfortunate circumstances which have already acquired a scandalous notoriety. The scandal, it is said, terminated in a snubbing administered by the naval officer to our colonial governor—at least that scene of it—for the Divorce Court will be resorted to before the curtain is finally lowered.

The frightful catastrophe in the Welsh Coal mine, is happily too far removed from you to elicit the sympathy, which it commands here. Various plans are suggested for protecting the lights from the coal gas or coal damp, but the attention of chemists does not seem to have turned itself to devising a problem, whereby this dangerous tyrant could be subdued, and made a useful slave of. Can not some plan be laid down, whereby the gas could be conveyed in pipes to the pits mouth, and there utilised. Mr. Spurgeon made the accident the prominent topic yesterday, and spoke of the spot as the scene of his most cherished labours.

Henry Lord Brougham's long promised "Treatise on the British Constitution," is to appear this day. The "History of the Invasion of the Crimea," by Eothen Kinglake, is at last announced to be in the press, or at least the first volume of it, which contains a narrative of the transactions that brought on war between Russia and the Western Powers. George Augustus Sala will commence, in the January number of *Temple Bar*, a new story entitled "The Seven Sons of Mammon." Kinglake's inaugural lecture on modern history, treats of the limits of exact science, as applied to history, and appears in a pamphlet form. Holme Lee wrote the tale "For Better for Worse," in this month's *Temple Bar*, and Hollingshead gave us that quaint insight into dramatic life, entitled "Behind the Curtain," in *Cornhill*.

Fashionable Intelligence.

(FROM THE COURT CIRCULAR.)

WINDSOR CASTLE, DEC. 10.

The Queen and Prince Consort, accompanied by Prince Alfred, Princess Alice, and Prince Louis of Hesse, left Windsor for London this morning, and went to the Smithfield Club Cattle Show.

Sir Charles Wood remains on a visit.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales returned to Oxford University, attended by Major-General the Hon. R Bruce and Lieutenant-Colonel Keppel.

Laura Countess of Antrim and Lady Helen M'Donnell have arrived in town from visiting the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pierrepont, at Evenley Hall, Northamptonshire.

Viscount and Viscountess Lismore and family have returned to town from the Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone, after a stay of seven weeks.

The Dean of Derry and Mrs. Tighe have arrived at the Grove, Waterford, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of Clarendon.

The Hon. Mrs. Gough, Loughcooter Castle, has left Knockseven, the seat of Major-General Gough, for Newtown Anner, on a visit to Mr. and Mrs Osborne, where Lord Monck is also staying.

Arthur Kavanagh, Esq., accompanied by Lady Harriet Kavanagh, has left Borris House, for Corfu, in his handsome yacht. Mrs. Kavanagh and children will also proceed to Corfu, *via* France, to join Mr. Kavanagh for the winter.

Miss Pack has arrived at Fenagh Lodge, from London, on a visit to her brother, D W. Pack Beresford, Esq.

Captain Hon. Alfred Bury, D.L., Charleville and Philadelphia steamship City of Baltimore arrived here at 7 A.M., with dates from New York to the 1st inst. She brings Irish mails, and about 250 passengers. On the 8th the Baltimore passed, in lat. 48.26, long. 29.48, the ship City of Lincoln, waterlogged and abandoned.

NEW YORK, 30TH.—The cotton market was quiet to-day, while prices in the main were steady; the sales embraced about 500 bales. Some brokers called midland uplands 10¼ to 10¾; flour was heavy, and lower for common brands, while extra grades were unchanged, but closed with some regularity. Wheat was heavy and dull, while the turn of the market was in favour of purchasers. Corn was about the same, with a steady demand from the local and estern trade, and with some purchases for exports. Pork was heavy and lower; freights were steady, while engagements were moderate. The Stock market was generally tame, closing with a steady demand. The money market was without alteration from yesterday. Exchange firmer for bank and bankers.

ORLEANS, NOV. 30.—Cotton very dull. Sales to-day 1,100 bales, at 9¼ [to 9¾. Freights, cotton to Liverpool, 5¾.

COMPLETION OF MR. BUCHANANS MESSAGE.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 30.—A Cabinet Council was held this evening, and the concluding dashes placed in the Message. All the members were present.

THE SECESSION.

The *Herald*, says, our accounts from the South this morning presents the same unfavourable aspect of affairs, with no abatement of the feeling for secession. The Washington correspondent of the New York *Times* telegraphs that the fear of secession was not so strong yesterday at the Federal capital as it had been previously. Many of the Southern members of Congress have brought their families, which is considered as an indication that they intend to remain. Among the arrivals yesterday was Mr. Breckinridge,[1] and his rooms last night were crowded with visitors, to hear his views relative to the present crisis. He talks hopefully, and counsels moderation, forbearance, and compromise.

MEXICO.

Correspondence confirms the robbery of the English Consulate. No doubt is entertained but that the country will, in a short time, be in the full possession of the Liberals.

HAVANA.

Advices to the 27th ult., received at New Orleans, represent the money market as still disturbed by the political intelligence from the United States. The sugar market was dull. Freights inactive.

MORTALITY AT JAMAICA.

Yellow fever has been making sad havoc among the shipping at Jamaica. Her Britannic Majesty's war steamer Icarus, which captured Walker's party, had one hundred cases out of the crew of 120.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.

LEEDS, TUESDAY NIGHT.—A public meeting was held to-night at the Town Hall, to inaugurate the Leeds Working Men's Parliamentary Reform Association, a society which was established a few months ago. The chair was occupied by Mr. Joseph Middleton, barrister, one of the aldermen of the borough; and amongst those present were, Mr. J. Bright, M.P., Mr. E. Baines, M.P., and Mr. E. A. Leatham. There was a large audience, the majority consisting of working men; although the hall was not full, probably there were about 2,000 persons present. The speakers, including Mr. Bright, reiterated the staple topics of the subject, with less than ordinary variety.

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS.

The *Globe* says that her Majesty's mission to St. Petersburg has been raised to an embassy, and that Lord Napier is appointed Ambassador. Sir J. Crampton is transferred from St. Petersburg to Madrid, where he replaces Sir A. Buchannan, who has been removed to Hague.

GAZETTE NEWS

Lord Lyons, H.M. Minister to United States, and Sir Edmund, Head Governor-General of Canada, are appointed K.C.B.

The diplomatic appointments announced in to-night's *Globe* are published in the *Gazette*

John Saville Lumley, Esq., is appointed Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg.

SOUTHWARK ELECTION—YESTERDAY.

CLOSE OF THE POLL, 5-15 P.M.

Layard,	.....	4,585
Scovell,	.....	3,367
Majority for Layard,	.....	1,218

MISCELLANEOUS.

The *Herald* mentions as a report that Earl Cowley is to be removed from Paris, and is to have the Governor Generalship of India.

Lord Bloomfield, ambassador at Vienna, and Lord Loftus, ambassador at Berlin, have passed through Calais, on their way to England.

The Spanish Government has given orders that an iron plated screw frigate of 41 guns, and 1,200 horse-power, should be constructed.

DUBLIN LITERARY UNION.—The usual weekly meeting of this society will be held in the school-room, 6½, Whitefriar-street, on this (Wednesday) evening, when a discussion will take place on the following subject:—"Ought capital punishment be abolished." The public are invited. Chair to be taken at a quarter-past eight o'clock precisely.

We are requested to state that the Corporation fire-escape has been entrusted to the "Royal Irish Society for the Protection of Life from Fire," and will be ready for use every night in Foster-place, with a conductor trained in its management.

THE ROAD CHILD MURDER.—It is not improbable that another investigation of this mysterious case may take place before the Trowbridge magistrates at an earlier period than the application to the Court of Queen's Bench for a new trial can be disposed of. Mr Hughes, chief of the Bath police, with Mr. Inspector Norris of that force, two officers of much sagacity, have for some weeks been diligently engaged in prosecuting inquiries into the murder at Road-hill-house, and their labours have been so far successful that they have traced out the important fact that a chest flannel, similar to the one found under the body of the child, was worn by one of the inmates of Mr. Kent's house. At present the flannel which was discovered with the child is in the custody of the Wiltshire constabulary, and some doubts has been manifested in handing it over to Messrs. Hughes and Norris for the purpose of enabling them to procure its identification. This obstacle has at last been removed by the request of one of the Trowbridge magistrates, that the flannel may be placed in the hands of the Bath officers, and when this has been done, and the identification satisfactorily established, other facts will be adduced, forming what is conceived to be a strong *prima facie* case against one of the inmates of Road-hill-house. The recent examination as to the blood-stained garment found at Mr. Kent's residence on the day the murder was discovered rather indicated some indisposition on the part of the Wiltshire force to co-operate with the other police; but it is to be hoped that the mistake which it is now admitted was made on that occasion will not be repeated, and that the efforts of Messrs. Hughes and Norris may not be thwarted by any professional jealousy.

COURT OF REGISTRY APPEAL—THIS DAY.

The court was adjourned *pr forma* to Friday next. Mr. Justice O'Brien stated that this was necessary in consequence of a death in the family of one of the members of the court. His Lordship also added, that upon Friday he would be able to announce when the court would resume its sittings for the transaction of business.

Correspondence.

THE DUBLIN MADRIGAL SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

11th December, 1860.

SIR,—In reply to a letter which appears in your paper of this morning, signed "An Old Madrigal Singer," I beg to inform him that the system of charging for book programmes, to which he objects, is adopted by private musical societies in London. It is not considered mean there. On what principle should it be thought so here?

If the "Old Madrigal Singer" was a visitor at the concert, having received a ticket gratuitously, he should not object to pay for (if he wanted it) a book of the words to enhance his pleasure. I should not be surprised next to hear your correspondent complain that the donor of a concert ticket did not provide gloves and car hire.

It is impossible to carry on a society without money; the difficulty of continuing, with local talent exclusively, no matter of what merit, is unfortunately, too evident, and all fair means of increasing the funds are perfectly legitimate and unobjectionable, and, in the present case, not without precedent.

The subscription is but one guinea per annum, entitling to three tickets for each concert, yet there are some who regularly attend the society's rooms, still never think of becoming subscribers. I should be sorry to find your correspondent one of the class so described; and I hope when next he writes he may sign his communication as I could, for the last fifteen years,

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE SOCIETY.

DUBLIN PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

December 11th, 1860.

SIR,—Under the above heading, a notice of the forthcoming concert of this society has appeared in the *Evening Mail*, and from that paper has been copied into nearly all the Dublin papers.

As the writer jumps at very many conclusions which I believe he has not proved, I shall feel much obliged if you will permit me space in your valuable journal to state, on behalf of the public, that the benefits stated to be conferred on us by this society are purely imaginary, and that there is a strong and growing conviction that the system of musical societies, as it exists in Dublin, is antagonistic, in every way, to music as an art.

With reference to this particular notice I am disposed to say that, "Were it not for the Philharmonic Society, we (the public) should hear, in Dublin, the works of the great orchestral composers;" and I deny *in toto* that it "Ever affords the public an opportunity of hearing the greatest instrumental and vocal celebrities." On the contrary, I assert that it prevents the public hearing them, as it is usual for the managers of this society to make engagements with professionals not to appear elsewhere in Dublin than at their concerts.

Whether the subscribers are satisfied that the Philharmonic gives them "an advantage almost equal to the musical residents of the great metropolis" it is for them to say. I may, however, state, for their information, that at present all the talented artistes engaged for them, with a first-rate orchestra and effective chorus, may be heard in Manchester, and at prices considerably below that charged by the Philharmonic in the Free Trade Hall, and with a degree of comfort to the audience quite unknown to the frequenters of the dingy Concert Hall in Brunswick-street. And for these advantages the Manchester public are not indebted to a society like our Philharmonic.

The whole question of music in Dublin requires ventilation, and at a future time, if you will afford me space, I shall endeavour to explain why Dublin—which assumes to be the most musical city in the Three Kingdoms—is the only city in which the public, from one year's end to the other, never have an opportunity of hearing anything deserving the name of music except from military bands and the annual performance of Italian operas, in which everything but the solo or concerted singing of the leading performers is wretched, and quite unworthy the second city in the empire and the capital of Ireland.

VIVIAN.

MIXED METAPHOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

December 10th, 1860.

SIR,—Every one must have read, in your impression of Saturday, an article on the attempted repeal revival, copied from your great namesake of Printing-house-square. It commences by saying, "Here is Repeal once more on its *legs*," and then goes on—"But a day or two ago the rotten old hulk was supposed to lie at the bottom of the sea, burying itself in the mud, and a prey to worms; but now . . . IT IS *emerging*, and a war-dance *has* already been danced on HER deck." I might ask with the writer, "What next?"

I venture to say if the above sentences appeared in an Irish paper, they would be held up to ridicule as containing a fully-grown "Irish bull." Who ever heard of the legs of a hulk?

We have heard of a ship's head, ribs, sides, waist, arms, &c., but never before of its legs.

Probably, the writer had in his mind Byron's description of a ship, "walking the water like a thing of life," but surely it is a considerable stretch of the imagination to apply this to a rotten, worm-eaten hulk. Is it necessary to point out in detail the grammatical inaccuracies contained in the single sentence quoted, or the general muddiness of the article, so perfectly in keeping with the subject? Surely, when such composition appears in the journal which has the widest circulation of any in the world, and which is itself so critically disposed that even Queen's Speeches do not escape its strictures, we provincials may well be forced to exclaim, "*O Tempora*" *O Times!*—I am, sir,

PAT.

MINING INTERESTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

December 11th, 1860.

SIR,—I should be glad if the question concerning the sulphur trade in your paper of yesterday was satisfactorily answered.

All who wish well to Ireland must feel gratified at the manner in which the Wicklow Mines are at present worked.

This is a new source (mining), from which much wealth may accrue to Ireland. Let us then foster all true and legitimate mining, and may our public journals aid us in their behalf.—Yours, &c.,

AN IRISH SULPHUR MINE SHAREHOLDER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Dublin, December 11, 1860.

SIR,—If your correspondent, "A Mining Man," would take the trouble, he will find, on inquiry, that there is no duty on Sicilian brimstone, and it is nothing new to have large quantities of Spanish sulphur ore on the English markets; but your correspondent, perhaps, is the holder of some mining shares, and has seen a ghost in the *Mining Journal*, but there is no necessity for him to be so frightened, as the ore raised in the county Wicklow, in many instances, is far superior to any yet on the market, and, as proof, the shares of the Wicklow Copper Mine Company will testify.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

A MANUFACTURER.

THE GALLANT SOUTH TIPPERARY REGIMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The Government have made a move in the right direction, and done a sensible thing, by embodying the Tipperary Artillery into the Royal. The said one Volunteer is worth three of any other (I don't mean that remark for the Volunteer corps), and a regiment of trained soldiers, such as the Tips. are worth a *borchies* full of recruits to England when she wants men. I saw them under every circumstance, on fatigue, in their shirt sleeves, when they looked the bone and muscle of Auld Ireland; I saw them on parade, without arms, when they looked all the *Times* would like to see them at the Crystal Palace—clean, orderly, and a fine body of men.

I saw them at battalion drill, when they were as steady under arms as a battalion of olden days. To their lively country tune they marched past better than most regiments would do; in manœuvring, they worked close and well, ranks well backed up, touch kept, cadence of step good; in line they advanced without waving; in column they wheeled into a gate on its hinges; they deployed into line like a telescope; and the only drawback was the colour which, from being small, spoiled their magnificent appearance as infantry. My feeling at the time was, had they but the old firelock, bayonets fixed, and got the word, "Prepare to charge," I'd like to see the line that would stand before them while you'd sneeze twice.

I saw them at gun exercise and practice. In the first case, the Dutch beef which they got at Sheerness showed in every movement where strength was required; and, as for accuracy, had La Gloire been passing, it would not have been Pat's fault if she burnt Tyrone Castle. That evening I saw them in review order in line, and the dockyard wall, opposite which they were marched, was not straighter dressed, though a little higher; packs were square on, appointments well adjusted, and pop guns well carried. The Tips looked bricks as well as the wall, and would stand longer under fire. I saw them on sentry, on church parade, and in the streets, always alert, clean, and orderly, and their conduct was, I must say, most exemplary. All the Queen wants she has in them—viz., first-rate soldiers.

ERIN-GO-BRAGH.

Dublin, December 10th, 1860.

STREET-CLEANSING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me, through the medium of your excellent paper, to suggest that the offices of the various solicitors and attorneys of this city should be closed from Saturday, the 22d, to Thursday, the 27th instant. There are, with myself, many other brother clerks, whose friends and relatives reside in different parts of the country, who would wish to leave town at this festival, and it would otherwise be a great boon and benefit to us who lead so sedentary an occupation to have this short relaxation from business at such a time.

Your insertion of the above will confer favour on (*inter alia*).—Your obedient servant,

LEX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Two letters appear in your paper of to-day, suggesting that Christmas Day should be a general holiday. With all due deference to your correspondents, I think the suggestion one upon which it would be impossible for employers to act, and I further think it would be unreasonable in the employed to expect or ask them to act upon it. In the trade to which I belong, the day preceding Christmas day is always a very busy one, as many persons put off to that day the purchase of their Christmas presents. The holiday given in 1857 is no precedent for giving Christmas eve this year, as in the former year it was the day after Christmas day which was made a holiday.

Now, I feel certain that if the day after Christmas day in this year were asked as a holiday by the assistants in the various mercantile establishments in the city, there would be every probability of the request being granted, as I know that the Dublin employers are far from being unreasonable, and would only be too glad to give their assistants and themselves a day's relaxation, provided it would not so materially interfere with their own interests as to give Christmas eve most certainly would.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

A BOOKSELLER'S ASSISTANT.

11th December, 1860.

RAILWAY EXCURSION TRIPS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—As the Christmas holidays approach, travellers of all classes are looking forward with the hope of the several railway companies making arrangements for issuing (as has been their wont) return tickets on their lines at reduced rates, and made available for a week or ten days. This would entail no extra expense, and would induce hundreds to avail themselves of a cheap trip, who, otherwise, if having to pay full fares, would not think of moving. Trusting the several companies will inspire the early hope of cheap trips, and thereby confer not only a benefit to the toiling and working classes, but to their own exchequer.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

RUSTICATOR.

Coursing.

MOUNTAINSTOWN COURSING MEETING

13TH & 14TH DEC.

DRAWS FOR THE MOUNTAINSTOWN PRODUCE STAKES.

Lord Bective's Bayonet agst Mr Pollock's Bamboozle

Captain J D Beresford's Battleaxe agst Captain B Stuart's Sirocco

Lord Largan's Master G P agst Lord Bective's Barmaid

Lord Bective's Bittern agst Captain Archdall's Musjid

Lord Bective's Bunting agst Captain Beresford's La Belle

Captain Stuart's Sirius agst Colonel Conyngham's Chimes

Mr. Pollock's Papillon—a bye.

THE NURSERY STAKES.

Captain Archdall's Manorhamilton agst Lord Bective's Butterfly

Captain Bathurst's Black Sea agst Lord Bective's Brickeen

Lord Largan's Lady Lucy agst Colonel Conyngham's Caledonia

Colonel Conyngham's Acrimony agst Mr Pollock's Puff

Mr. Pollock's Bliss agst Captain Stuart's Sybil

Lord Largan's Lady Grace—a bye.

THE MOUNTAINSTOWN PLATE.

Mr G Pollock's Bob agst Mr Pollock's Brief

Captain Beresford's Gaberlunzie agst Lord Lurgan's Lady Oatlands

Lord Bective's Babrima agst Captain Archdall's Murder

Lord Bective's Batristo agst Captain Beresford's Heiress

Mr G Pollock's Lady Camilla agst Captain Bathurst's Bosphorus

Lord Lurgan's Master Bayly—a bye.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

DECEMBER.

Ward Union—Wednesday, 12th, Dunboyne; Saturday, 15th, the Ward; Monday, 17th, Mayne; Wednesday, 19th, Eight-mile Stone, Ashbourne-road; Saturday, 22d, Blackball; Monday, 24th, Ballymacarney; Wednesday, 26th, Flathouse; Saturday, 29th, Six-mile stone, Ashbourne-road; Monday, 31st, Priestown Cross-roads—at eleven.

Kildare Hunt—Thursday, 13, Blackcharch; Saturday, 15, Halverstown.—at eleven.

Meath Hounds—Wednesday, 12th, Slane; Friday, 14th, the Flathouse; Saturday, 15th, Hemfort—at eleven.

Westmeath Hounds—Thursday, 13th, Ballinagore; Saturday, 15th, Gillardstown; Tuesday, 18th, Ross; Friday, 21st, Killynon; Monday, 24th, Galston; Wednesday, 26th, Mullifarnham station; Friday, 28th, Mearescourt; Monday, 31st, Cross-keys—at eleven.

Palmerston Harriers—Friday, 14th, Coldblow Bridge; Monday, 17th, Newcastle; Friday, 21st, Confy Castle; Monday, 24th, Finstown Gate; Wednesday, 26th, Milltown; Friday, 28th, Moor of Heath; Monday, 31st, Permouth Gate—at eleven.

Louth—Friday, 14th, Rathescar—at eleven.

Mr Longworth's Hounds—Friday, 14th, Benown; Tuesday, 18th, Middletopark—at eleven.

Clonmel Hounds—Thursday, 13th, Minorstown—at eleven.

Clonardin Harriers—Saturday, 15th, Kilmesson—at a quarter to twelve.

Mr Biddulph's—Friday, 14th, Coolinarney; Monday, 17th, Mullacrugh; Friday, 21st, Blue Ball.

Rathdown Harriers—Saturday, 15th, the Beresford Arms; Tuesday, 18th, Celbridge; Saturday, 22nd, Corragower; Tuesday, 25th, Swords; Saturday 29th, the Beresford Arms—at twelve.

Killultagh—Saturday, 15th, Ballymacash; Wednesday, 19th, Upper Ballinderry; Saturday, 22nd, Dundrod; Wednesday, 26th, Whinny Hill; Saturday, 29th, Smith's, Pitmore—at half-past eleven.

Gresmane—Friday, 14th, Ballykadcon; Tuesday, 18th, Gurtdrum; Friday, 21st, Domaskea Barrack; Tuesday, 25th, the Kannel; Friday, 28th, Capparattan.

Mr Roche's Thursday, 13th, Knockrown—at half-past ten.

Kilkenny—Friday, 14th, Kilmanagh—at a quarter past ten.

Abington—Thursday, 13th, Inch St Laurence Cross; Monday, 17th, Ballysimon Common; Thursday, 20th, Kilmurry Cross, Beskill; Monday, 24th, Abington; Thursday, 27th, Killonan; Monday, 31st, Barrington's Bridge—at eleven.

Cork—Saturday, 15th, Harley Park—at eleven.

Tipperary—Saturday, 15th, Harley Park—at eleven.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY'S WINTER CATTLE SHOW.

The annual winter show of fat stock, farm produce, and agricultural implements was held yesterday in the Agricultural Hall of the Dublin Society. The weather, which past few weeks has been so inclement, proved favourable on this occasion, and, as a consequence, the Hall was for the thronged with the principal agriculturists from the provinces, and with a number of ladies and gentlemen belonging to the city and its suburbs. Taking a retrospective glance at preceding shows held under the auspices of this society, the Committee of Management and the exhibitors have just reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the exhibition of yesterday, which was in all respects interesting to agriculturalists. The entries in stock were fewer than on former occasions, but the quality was decidedly better. The principal exhibitors were—Mr. Allan Pollok, of Lismany, Ballinasloe; Mr. John Simmons, Athy; Mr. O'Reilly Dease, and the Earl of Clancarty. In the class for fat cows, including short-horned, West Highland, polled Angus, and Kerries, the competitors were—Mr. W. S. Garnett, Kells; Captain M'Donnell, Lusk; Mr. N. Barton, Straffan; and Mr. Allan Pollok. In the class for fat oxen, Mr. Allan Pollok took the fifty guinea prize cup, so generously given by Messrs. Ferguson, of Grafton-street, to the society, to be competed for annually. This was the first year that it was put in competition, so that Mr. Pollok has the honour of being the first to obtain it. The entries in sheep were numerous, and some fine specimens were exhibited. There were but few swine in the show yard, and, consequently, the competition in this class was limited. It might be well here to remark on the absence of wheat on former occasions formed a most attractive part of the show—namely, a class for poultry. No prizes were offered by the society, and, as might be expected, there were no entries. This want was much regretted by those present who had a large interest in the small farmers, as it is well known that there is scarcely any branch of farm stock which proves so remunerative as a good breed of fowl. It is to be hoped that at the next show prizes will be offered for poultry. The next point deserving of attention was the farm produce exhibited. This consisted of roots and cereals. The entries were very numerous, and in all classes a large amount of perfection had been obtained. Better mangolds, Swedish, and common white turnips, never were exhibited, even at the Royal Dublin Society's show. This is the more remarkable as the weather during what should have been the summer season was most unpropitious, and it was then predicted that, beyond doubt, the green crops would be a failure. The exhibition of yesterday gave a practical refutation to these gloomy forebodings, and although it may be urged that they could not be taken as a criterion of the crops generally exhibited throughout the country; yet the specimens exhibited yesterday fully proved the value of the work which the Dublin Society is doing amongst the farming classes. It will be observed with satisfaction that the specimens sent in by the North Dublin Union in parsnips, Swedish turnips, and cabbage, gained either the first prizes or high commendation. This fact bears high testimony to the skill of the agricultural master, and no doubt the state of perfection to which he has brought the union farm will prove eventually a great saving to the ratepayers, as well as affording healthful recreation to the inmates. While speaking of farm produce, we should not forget to state that some fine specimens of potatoes were exhibited by Mr Longan. They were yearlings, grown by himself, from seedlings, and were as fine specimens as could be desired. It is a strange fact that, for this esculent, which at one time, and to a great extent at present, forms a large portion of the food of the poorer classes, there was no prize offered—at least no prize that would induce competitors to come forward. Agricultural implements formed an important feature in the show. There were several competitors from the sister kingdom, as also from our own metropolis and the leading towns throughout Ireland. Messrs. Gannon and Edmundson, of Dublin, and Mr. Shekleton, of Dundalk, were amongst those who exhibited. There were no new designs brought forward, but there were many modifications and improvements made on the models which were exhibited on previous occasions. It is gratifying to observe that the good effects of the shows of the Dublin Society have not confined themselves to stock and farm produce, but they have given an impetus to a branch of trade which heretofore was fast failing into abeyance—the manufacture of Irish friezes. Some few years ago, it would be difficult to obtain a genuine Irish frieze in a first-class outfitter's in this city; but, owing to the moral influence exercised by the exhibitions of the Dublin Society in exciting competition, yesterday some of the first houses in the woollen trade in Dublin sent in specimens of their own manufacture, and there was a sharp competition. The best friezes exhibited were by Messrs. Browne and Payne, and Mr. Wright, of the Leeds Woollen Hall. Between them the prizes were distributed, and from both his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant made purchases. The only feature of the show which remains to be noticed is butter. There were several firkins exhibited, which were pronounced by competent judges to be rich in flavour. His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant honoured the show with his presence; he arrived at half-past three o'clock, accompanied by Mr. Hatchell, private secretary; Major Bagot, Major Cockerell, A.D.C., and Dr. Hatchell. He was received by Dr. Steele, L. Foot, Esq., and Mr. Corrigan, curator of the society. The latter gentleman conducted the Viceregal party through the show, and pointed out to them the various features of interest. His Excellency remained for an hour in examining the various sections, and when leaving to expressed himself highly gratified at the evident progress made by the society during the last year. The band of the 96th Regiment was stationed in the Hall during the day, and performed a well-selected programme of pleasing music. In the evening the spacious building was brilliantly lighted with gas, the gaslight falling on the green plants, and the agricultural implements, which were painted in lively colours, produced an effect at once beautiful and striking. On the whole, whether the number of visiters or the quality of the stock exhibited be taken into consideration, the present show may be considered as one of the most successful ever held by the society. It will be open to the public again this day.

The following is the prize list:—

FAT OXEN.

Class 1—Short horned ox, calved in 1858, first prize, large silver medal, Mr Allan Pollok, Lismany; second prize, small silver medal, Mr. John Simmons, Ballyclehane. Class 2—Short horned ox, calved in 1857, first prize, large silver medal, Mr Allan Pollok; second prize, small silver medal, no award. Class 4—West Highland ox, of any age, first prize, large silver medal, Mr Allan Pollok; second prize, small silver medal, same. Class 5—Polled Angus ox, or ox of any other breed calved prior to 1857, first prize, large silver medal, the same; second prize, small silver medal, no award. Class 6—Pairs of oxen, of any breed, worked as plough bullocks up to the 1st of May last, first prize, large silver medal, Mr O'Reilly Dease, Ashbourne; second prize, small silver medal, no award. Class 7—Lot of three bullocks, under four years old, not competing in the foregoing classes, first prize, large silver medal, Mr. Allan Pollok, Lismany; second prize, small silver medal, no award; best of all the fat oxen, large silver medal, Mr Pollok.

FAT COWS.

Class 8—Short horned cow, of any age, first prize, large silver medal, Mr William S Garnett, Williamstown, Kells; second prize, small silver medal, Mr Nathaniel Barton, Straffan. Class 10—West Highland cow, of any age, best large silver medal, Mr Allan Pollok, Skahard, Creggs. Class 11—Polled Angus cow, of any age, best, large silver medal, same. Class 12—Kerry cow, of any age, best, large silver medal, Mr Samuel Garnett, jun, Rossneen, Kells. Class 13—Cow, of any age or breed, not competing in foregoing classes, best, large silver medal, Mr Allan Pollok, Lismany; best of all the fat cows, large silver medal, Mr William S Garnett, Williamstown.

FAT HEIFERS.

Class 14—Short horned heifer, under four years old, first prize, large silver medal, Mr Nathaniel Barton; second prize, small silver medal, Captain M'Donnel, New Haggard, Lusk. Class 15—Devon heifer, under four years old, first prize, large silver medal, no entry; second prize, small silver medal, no entry. Class 16—Kerry heifer, under four years old; first prize, large silver medal, no award; second prize, small silver medal, no award. Class 17—West Highland heifer, under four years old; first prize, large silver medal, Mr Allan Pollok, Skahard, Creggs; second prize, small silver medal, same. Class 18—Scotch polled heifer, under four years old; first prize, large silver medal, Mr Allan Pollock, Lismany; second prize, small silver medal, same. Class 19—Heifer of any age or breed, not competing in the foregoing classes; first prize, large silver medal; Mr Allan Pollock, Lismany; second prize, small silver medal, same; best of all the fat heifers, large silver medal, same.

Ferguson Challenge Cup, value 50 guineas—Presented by Messrs. Ferguson and Co, Vulcanised India Rubber, Waterproof, Air-proof, and Gutta Percha Manufacturers, Grafton-street, Dublin, for the best fat animal in the neat cattle classes. Allan Pollock, Lismany.

Conditions of Competition—The plate to be challenged every year at the Winter Show of fat cattle of the Royal Dublin Society. The holder to give security that it shall be forthcoming, and delivered up to the assistant secretary ten days before the commencement of the show; to be won three years successively by the same exhibitor before it becomes his property.

FAT SHEEP.

Class 20—Pen of three long-woolled wedders, not exceeding 22 months old; first prize, large silver medal, Mr A Pollok, Lismany; second prize, small silver medal, same; highly commended, Wm Simmons, Carlow. Class 21—Pen of three long-woolled wedders, exceeding 22 and under 34 months old; first prize, large silver medal, Mr A Pollok, Skahard; second prize, small silver medal, Mr Wm Cotton, Longford House, Castlereagh. Class 22—Pen of three long-woolled wedders of any age, not competing in the foregoing classes; first prize, large silver medal, Mr A Pollok, Skahard; second prize, small silver medal, Joseph Radcliffe, L L D, Whitehurch. Class 23—Pen of three long-woolled ewes of any age; first prize, large silver medal, William Owen, Esq, Blessington; second prize, small silver medal Lord Talbot de Malahide; highly commended, Captain, Broughton

Foreign Intelligence.

FRANCE.

(FROM THE CORRESPONDENT OF SUNS CLOSE.)

PARIS, SUNDAY EVENING.—Of course Persigny's manifesto on the newspaper press gets due amount of comfort mentary from Paris journalism in a general chorus of dissatisfaction. What was done by the Hanoverian Georges up to the day when Junius set the first genuine example of political discussion in the daily broadsheets is felt to be utterly inapplicable now, newspapers of the Georgian era being up to that period mere sheets of the Government, but stuffed with the stringent tacles of home facts and foreign rumours. The stringent anti-Stuart legislation was necessarily levelled against pamphlets which in France are *not* subject to the severe regime under which the daily papers labour; hence the analogy does not exist. It is not the dynastic question simply, as Persigny would imply, discussion on which is barred, but the code in actual operation acts in the most galling and oppressive way on the very existence of journalism at all. The law of 17th Feb., 1852, forbids any one to set up a paper without asking, and getting leave from, an irresponsible and capricious authority. To print your political views you must, on bended knee, supplicate the Minister, without whose favourable nod you might as well open a tobacco shop or infringe any other privileged monopoly. *Le Siècle*, alone of all the "established" press, being able to afford competition in an open field, hits at this preliminary lock on the public understanding. A paper thus existing originally on sufferance cannot change its editor, nor even its proprietor, without a fresh licence from the Executive; while this odious farce is kept up Persigny may talk till doomsday of any ghost of a free press being allowed to walk in France.

The French Government is treated to exactly the same illusory proceeding from the Roman Court. By Concordats from that of Leo X. with Francis I., and all subsequent French sovereigns, the appointment of bishops, which on the eve of the Reformation lay in the dean and chapter of each diocese, was then vested in the Crown with concurrent approval of Rome. The recent death of the Bishop of Soissons has made the sixth mitre vacant in the French territory, and as the unobjectionable clergyman presented for the see of Vannes last May has got no bulls, there is a dead lock, and the Concordat is practically infringed and nullified.

The funeral of the Judge murdered in the railway carriage was attended yesterday by all the bench, and the leaders of the French bar, Berryer, Cremieux, Jules Favre, and the rest, in their forensic robes. The panic which has spread among nervous people of both sexes at the possible dangers attendant on night travelling, and, indeed, in broad day since this occurrence, is likely to tell on dividends. The suggestions put forth for tranquillising travellers are numerous, but scarcely conclusive.

Mr. Cobden has left town for Marseilles, where he takes the packet for Algiers, meaning to test, during a two months' residence, the alleged beneficial influence of North Africa's climate. Fashion and routine regulate to some extent the reputation of sanitary localities, Madeira having reaped in latter years a harvest long enjoyed very undeservedly by Montpellier. Young, of "Night Thoughts," and Smollett, have dwelled in the latter he with abode just as Fielding to Lisbon. Tom Campbell, twenty years ago, tried Algiers, and his "Letters from the South" reported progress; but the principal discovery he appears to have made, being himself unable to remember dates, was, that he saw there, with self-reproach, a "camel loaded with them."

The music composer, Cherubini, was born at Florence, 14th Sept., 1760, and the Athenæum, if that city have one on hot air, European appeal for a centenary monument to the *maestro*, in the Church of Santa Croce. In Paris Rossini, Halevy, Meyerbeer, Auber, Berlioz, Prince Poniatowski, and other tuneful souls, have agreed to act on the committee; nor is there any ground for cavil, save that the proposed cenotaph is meant to be set up between the actual tombs of Michel Angelo and Galileo. Such a son of Italy as Garibaldi might fairly figure, one day, alongside both; but clever manipulation of the gamut hardly constitutes a claim to the projected juxtaposition in this case.

The following *resume* of the opinions of the French press on Count de Persigny's manifesto is supplied by a correspondent, dating Paris, Sunday evening:—

Most of the papers comment upon the Persigny circular; with the single exception of the *Constitutionnel*, they all blame it—not boldly, indeed, or explicitly, as they would do had they not the dread of consequences before their eyes, but cautiously and covertly, as slaves trembling before the lash. The article of the *Constitutionnel* is worth quoting as an illustration of the profound degradation of the semi-official press. M. Dreolle, who appears to have succeeded to the post of M. Grandguillot, is not ashamed to "rejoice as a journalist" at the declaration of the Minister of the Interior, that the *regime of avertissements*, the infliction of which depends solely on the caprice of the Minister or some over-zealous subaltern, is better than the application of the law administered by judge and jury. M. Dreolle reminds one of those Royalists of whom it was said of old that they were *plus Royalistes que le Roi*," and in the excess of his enthusiasm he makes some astounding statements. He says:—

"The first part of M. de Persigny's circular is devoted to a study of English legislation. The Minister points out, with much authority as historical truth, the happy difference which exists between the law which regulates the press in France and that which strikes, or it may be said which crushes, journalists in England. The fate of John Mitchel and of John Martin has not been, thank God, experienced in France. After this remarkable study, the Minister of the Interior draws an incontestably logical conclusion. Ignorance alone can henceforth invoke the principles of England as regards the liberty of the press. There is one model which England offers to us: it is that of respect for the Throne, and for the institutions on which the Throne supports itself. English writers have assuredly the right of saying a great deal when criticising the acts of the Government, but they have not that of attacking or when speaking of the Crown and of its rights. Ought French writers to wish for more? The Minister of the Interior thinks not, and we agree with him. Public opinion is also on his side."

It is very necessary to discuss the kind of "public opinion" represented by the *Constitutionnel*. But it is impossible to allow to pass unnoticed the startling falsehood that the fate of John Mitchel, &c., has not "been experienced in France." French journalists have been hurried off to Cayenne and Lambessy, and unlike Mr. John of Mitchel, who, it is said, is now an Imperial functionary, have not had a fair and impartial trial. The article concludes with the following tirade, the flunkeyism of which has not often been equalled, even in the columns of the *Constitutionnel*:—

"'Bear in mind,' say M. de Persigny, 'that it is in the interest of the State, and not of the Administration that this power has been delegated to my Ministry.' As a journalist and as a devoted defender of the Government and of the State, we loudly applaud these words. The application of the law thus regulated changes the law itself. It is not that constant threat against us of which we have before spoken; it is a real protection of the State and of national institutions. It is not caprice, it is reason; it is not arbitrary power, it is equity."

The following extract is quite conclusive to such a degree the enthusiasm of M. Dreolle elicits the following remark from the *Independance Belge*:—

"According to the new circular all the severity of the law will be reserved for attacks against the State and the Crown. This distinction is a progress, no doubt; but it has already been made by M. Billault on his last taking office, and we regret not to find anything in M. de Persigny's circular that announces his intention to do away with the arbitrary code of *avertissements* and their consequences, even as regards those points which the Minister now tells us may be freely discussed. That we readily grant would be an important modification in the legislation of 1852, and would give more guarantees to the press than it can ever expect from the toleration of a Minister."

The *Journal des Debats* has the greatest faith in the good intentions of both the Emperor and M. de Persigny, but cannot bring itself to be satisfied with a system under which the press exists only on sufferance:—

"The sentiments of the Emperor," M. Allaury observes with delicate irony, "and the intentions of M. de Persigny, are real guarantees for us, and we appreciate them as they deserve, but we must be permitted to remark that these guarantees are purely personal. The laws which regulate the press in England are very rigorous, as we know; but *laws*, however severe they may be, are laws after all, and we do not think that a fair comparison can be possibly established between a system founded upon a law, however Draconian its character, and a system founded, as M. de Persigny himself admits, upon a discretionary power. When press offences are provided for and defined by a law, writes have a guarantee in the tribunals entrusted with the administration of the law. Can they expect to meet with such a guarantee at the hands of Government?"

The *Siecle*, which has more than once been suspected of having bartered away its independence, now proves that suspicion to have been unfounded by the honest vigour of its criticism:—

"In our opinion (says M. Havin) the comparison established between England and France is not a fair one. Nothing can be more widely different than England in the 17th and 18th centuries and France in 1860. It may be conceded that the penalties by the decree of 1852 do not include whipping at the cart's tail, the pillory, or cutting off the ears of the offender, but in a material sense they are just as rigorous, perhaps more so, than any ever inflicted by law in England. Civilisation in France in 1860 is in a more forward state than it was in England in 1688; parties in France at the present day are very different from the Papists and Jacobites in England 200 years since; no pretender has invaded our territory with an army, and we have no Charles Edward or Culloden to anticipate."

The writer gives M. de Persigny full credit for the best intentions, and asks, if the *avertissements* are to be maintained, the papers should at least have an opportunity for explanation and defence:—

"Although Count de Persigny appears to announce the continuance of the *regime* of warnings, we do not think he will oppose himself to what ameliorations may be introduced into that *regime*. His enlightened reason will make him propose such as are compatible with the *regime* he wishes to maintain; he will at least admit the prescription of the warnings and the right of the chief editor to give explanations before the Minister or the prefect strikes the incriminated journal. The Minister will doubtless also abolish the clause which suppresses a considerable property after two condemnations for trifling contraventions."

But, even making the best of it, the *Siecle* cannot feel the same confidence in the army of functionaries on whose very whims the existence of a journal depends, as "M. le Ministre" seems to entertain:—

"Certainly, if the severities of the law of 1852 were not always present to the mind of the writer, the manner in which the Minister wishes it to be interpreted might inspire some confidence. He leaves a great deal to freedom of appreciation, and only places beyond the pale of all discussion the form of Government and the Imperial dynasty. But our country is not organised like England, the multitude of functionaries which depend on the central power do not offer the same guarantees as the provincial institutions of England. Functionaries are men, and, in spite of the good counsels of Count de Persigny, will there never be prefects found who will bear in mind attacks directed against their administration? Will the prefects in their demands for repression, think only of attacks directed against the State? If the law were unfortunately liberally interpreted, and if the arbitrary were to enter into the prefectoral and ministerial habits, this would be a step towards liberty of the press, and we shall applaud it as we did what was done for Parliamentary liberties by the decree of November 24."

The *Gazette de France* boldly asks, M. de Persigny, Why go back for English precedents as far as 1688, when the Imperial constitution professes to revive the principles of 1789:—

"The present constitution speaks of the principles of 1789. Now these principles comprise freedom of discussion, and equality in the eye of the law. There is no question in it of English institutions. When the six millions of Frenchmen were consulted to draw up the mandates of their deputies, they unanimously set forth the principles of the constitutional liberty of our institutions. Those ideas political France finds in her heart without effort and without appealing to a foreign country. Why should an appeal be now made to the history of England and not to that of France?"

The answer is easy. The history of England is so little known here that M. de Persigny could deal with as he pleased without fear of detection, while with the history of France he could not take the same liberties.

There is no news from Italy.

Much surprise is felt here that none of the papers give any details of the sojourn of the Empress of the French in London.

Mr. Cobden has left Paris for Algeria.

The *Herald* and *Standard*, morning and evening editions, *Daily News*, *Saturday Review*, *Globe*, and *Express* were seized to-day.

ITALY.

The Foreign Minister of Francis II. has issued the following notification to Italian merchants:—

Gaeta, Nov. 27.

Since the siege of Gaeta four vessels under the Sardinian flag have moored in this port, driven by storms. The King's Government had clearly the right to seize them, as they were protected neither by their flag nor by the destination of their cargo. The application of the laws of war would, moreover, have been advantageous to the besieged, seeing that the first of these vessels was laden with coal, and the three others with corn—products of great value for an invested city. Nevertheless the King wished to show his generosity of taking into consideration the exceptional circumstances of the present war, which was preceded by no regular declaration of hostilities, and his Majesty ordered that the vessels be set free and put at full liberty. But the King does not intend that a concession so benevolent and spontaneous should be interpreted as an abandonment of his rights, or as a precedent which shall appear after Nov. 27 in the waters of Gaeta, bearing the Sardinian flag, shall be immediately captured by the vessels of the Royal Navy, and be treated according to the principles which regulate the laws of war.

S. CASELLA.

A letter of December 2, from Civita Vecchia, to the *Courrier de Marseilles*, says:—

The Italian mailpacket touched last evening at 6 o'clock at Gaeta. Admiral Le Barbier de Tinan had changed the anchorage-ground of the French squadron which is now lying much further out in the offing; and this order seems to have been given in anticipation of the bombardment that must very shortly ensue. Whilst the post-office messenger was exchanging his dispatches with the Admiral, he announced that a ball from the side of the Piedmontese batteries had fallen; and the ball replied immediately by a salvo of some thirty bombs and shells. The Piedmontese did not continue their fire; doubtless they merely wished to ascertain the range of their pieces. Their entrenchments are rather advanced on the town side, and they occupy a part of the suburbs; they have already a hundred and twenty guns of large calibre in battery and thirty-five mortars. Individuals that have access to the person of Francis II., and who can judge for themselves the state of Gaeta, complain of the excessive number of the defenders of the place, from which cause the provisions have been sensibly reduced.

The organisation of the great military commands for Southern Italy is completed. Naples will be the headquarters of one great command, and Palermo those of another. There will be five States on the mainland a sub-command at Aquila in the Abruzzi, and another at Reggio in the Calabrias, and for Sicily a sub-command at Messina. Each great command will be held by a marshal or full general of the army. The result of this military organisation, like that of France, will be to give more action to the army in Southern Italy.

NORTH ITALY.

The following is from a correspondent, dating Turin, Dec. 8:—

Naples was the ruin of Italy in 1848. It is likely enough to be the bane of the country in 1861. I need not send you the news from the south. I see a very minute exhibition of the state of the kingdom in the letter of your Naples correspondent of the 1st of this month; and I need only further refer you to the telegram announcing that the Teatro Nuovo had to be closed, because the party of disorder, evening after evening, hissed the King's name, and Garibaldi's, Garibaldi's hymn, and the same party was strong enough to have the theatre open and Garibaldi's hymn sung by main force. If you wish for a deeper insight into the spirit now prevailing at Naples, read these few lines from a private correspondence from that part of the country:—

"The ignorant spread a report that Victor Emanuel and us and the Piedmontese there can be no amalgamation. These latter, hard as their own mountains, will not fall in with the special habits, tendencies, and wants of our population; there is collision at every step, antagonism on every question."

Again, a petition to King Victor Emanuel circulates freely for subscription in the Neapolitan *cafés*, and has already an incredible number of signatures. The petitioners ask—

"1. For the removal of Farini and of his advisers as unpopular. 2. The recall of Garibaldi and his resumption of power at the head of the government of Southern Italy. 3. The demolition of the Fort of St. Elmo. 4. Public works on a large scale. 5. The dismissal of Nunziante. 6. The removal of all anti-Bourbonist public officers, and the appointment of men well deserving of the Italian cause. 7. The military organisation of the country for the accomplishment of national unity and the conquest of Rome and Venice."

There is enough, I believe, in these few items of news to convince every thinking being of the necessity in which the Government of King Victor Emanuel finds itself, either of abandoning that Southern kingdom to its own suicidal devices, or of saving it from the madness of its extreme parties by the employment of main force. I have never, I flatter myself, given in to common illusions, and have always thought that neither in Naples nor in Tuscany annexation to the North of Italy, and the consequent loss of individual existence, or "autonomy," as it is called, was at first seriously contemplated. A few well-meaning patriots might wish, but certainly did not hope for it. I remember at the time, not quite 18 months ago, when I conscientiously wrote from Florence, that I could not number more than two annexationists in all Tuscany. Even among the exiles from Naples established here there were six months ago none who deemed the union of the South with the North of Italy either a practicable or an advisable scheme. The conversion of Poerio himself to annexationist ideas is of very recent date. The Peace of Villafranca, the dread of a Grand-Ducal restoration, the still greater terror of a Pionplonist intrusion, in one day, I may almost say, converted the Tuscans, and that sacrifice of their individuality was made by that country with a generosity and a singleness of purpose which does them eternal honour. The example of the Tuscans influenced many of the true-hearted Neapolitans, and especially the exiles residing in North and Central Italy, with Poerio at their head, spurned the advances of Murat, and the Bourbonic faction, broke for ever with his dynasty, and embraced the idea of Italian unity with fervour and sincerity. The exploits of Garibaldi, the presence of his North Italian adventurers, and the example of Sicily, determined the impressionable and fickle Neapolitan masses, and annexation was carried, as it were, by acclamation. Had King Victor Emmanuel been able to take immediate possession, and had the country been called upon instantly to proceed to the election of its members of Parliament, as was the case with Central Italy in March last, there would have been but little cause for repining, or room for disturbance. But the conquest of Naples was a slower work than men anticipated, and the conquerors brought discussion, and even riot, along with them.

The anticipated secession of Naples from Italian unity on the very eve of the accomplishment of this unity is a great blow to feeling patriots here, but it is by no means the worst. Symptoms of discontent are manifesting themselves in the various provinces of the North Italian kingdom, and these point to the revival of municipal feelings, especially in Tuscany.

It is the *tout ou rien* school of Mazzini over and over again; the unscrupulous plotting of a party who would rather bring the French into Naples as they brought them into Rome, and rather see the Austrians back again in Milan, Bologna, and Florence than allow it to be said that Italy could be freed by other men than themselves, and with other ideas than those which Mazzini stereotyped for them 30 years ago.

DENMARK AND THE DUCHIES.

A correspondent, writing from Copenhagen, Dec. 6, says:—

We now know the propositions that have been submitted by Lord John Russell to bring about an amicable understanding between the Danish Government and the Germanic Confederation on the subject of the differences which have now existed for five years respecting the constitutional rights the enjoyment of which he so resolutely claimed by the two German Duchies of Holstein and Lauenburg, which form, by virtue of existing treaties, an integral portion of the Danish monarchy.

In considering the popular agitation which reigns in the two Duchies, as well as in that of Schleswig, Lord John Russell concludes, according to opinions given by the Cabinet of Copenhagen, that it is not possible to make at this moment a definitive arrangement with Germany, but only one of a provisional nature, on the following bases:—

There will be accorded, until a direct and definitive understanding can be come to, a deliberative and legislative vote with respect to what concerns personal affairs and private property in the states of Holstein, which have just been nominated at the recent general elections. The portion which the duchy will be required to furnish annually towards the general and common expense of the monarchy will be fixed at 850,000 thalers banco, which will be placed in the chest of the Finance Minister at Copenhagen, and of which the Grand Council of the States will order the distribution to the different branches of the public administration (of the kingdom) this annual sum cannot be augmented in Holstein by the Government at Copenhagen without the consent of the States of the Duchy.

If the Diet of Frankfort accepts this provisional arrangement in the name of the Germanic Confederation, the Danish Government will consent to allow religious instruction to be given in their mother tongue to the children of German nationality; the inhabitants of Schleswig will also be permitted to keep German professors in their houses for the private instruction of their families; but these are not to teach in public schools where the Danish language is exclusively taught.

The inhabitants of Schleswig and Holstein may, with the previous sanction of the Ministry, meet in artistic, scientific, and economic societies; it being well understood that such meetings of societies shall not have any political tendency whatever.

Finally, as a certain number of inhabitants of Schleswig have been prosecuted judicially for having addressed public petitions, either to the King, to the Government, or to the Chamber of the State, an amnesty will be granted after the acceptance by Germany of the aforesaid propositions.

These propositions have been, as common sense might have taught Lord J. Russell to understand, rejected at Berlin and Vienna, and the last steps of the English Cabinet not having obtained any success with the two great German powers, they will consequently render more difficult any arrangement on the subject of the constitutional affairs of Holstein and Lauenburg between Denmark and the German Confederation; and it is to be feared that the Diet of Frankfort, after having waited patiently for many years, will soon employ military measures to force Denmark to execute all the stipulations contained in the treaty of peace of January 28, 1853, in favour of the Duchies of Holstein, Schleswig, and Lauenburg.

AMERICA.

The following are the heads of the latest intelligence:—

Mr. Lincoln, the President-elect, reached his home at Springfield, Illinois, on the 26th ult., from Chicago.

The secession movement at the South continued unabated, and business was prostrated everywhere. The banks generally had suspended specie payments, and the suspension had been legalised in several of the Southern States by the Legislatures. A Charleston, S.C., dispatch of the 20th ult. says:—

"The city is quiet to-day. The members of the Legislature are nearly all gone to Columbia. The regular session opens to-night. Financial matters are growing desperate here. A petition is to-day circulating among the merchants, asking the banks to suspend. It will be presented to-morrow; but the banks have now sufficiently contracted to be safe themselves, and they look rather coolly on such movements. They want to go through the ordeal unscathed. The Governor's Message is anxiously looked for here. It is rumoured that troops are coming to Fort Moultrie. It is now evident that none will be sent to the Convention unless strongly committed to a secession."

A dispatch from Columbia, South Carolina, says:—"Governor Gist's message was read to-day. He accommends the arming of the state, to make the circulation of abolition, or other documents tending to excite the slaves to treason, punishable with death. He advises a guarantee of 5 per cent. on a direct trade with Europe. He says the postmaster of Charleston, as soon as his state secedes, will sever his connection with the federal Government, and offer his services to the State, which, with the resignation of other postmasters, will enable the State to establish its own postal system. He suggests the temporary use of Adam's Express. He also advises the prohibition of slaves from states not members of the Southern confederacy. He hopes all the slave states will unite in the conferency, and advises stringent laws against abolition incendiaries. He says the failure of Mr. Memminger to secure the co-operation in a Southern conference of only Mississippi and Alabama debars all hope of concentrated action. It is too late to entertain the proposition of a conference now, and South Carolina will be wanting in self-respect if she entertains a proposition looking for a further continuance of the present union. Delegates from Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Texas, and Arkansas will immediately follow South Carolina, and all the other Southern states will eventually. If a resort to arms be necessary the service of volunteers from every part of the South has been tendered. He does not believe the present or the next administration will attempt to coerce South Carolina, after secession, by refusing to surrender the lands, forts, defences, or interfering with import and exports. But, if mistaken, they must accept the issue as becomes men preferring annihilation to disgrace."

The *New York Times* of the 26th says:—

"The method adopted to induce the present Administration to take no steps against the secession movement in the South is indicated in our special dispatch from Washington to-day. President, it is stated, is now in receipt of numerous letters from leading men in the cotton states, representing that secession is no longer a speculation but a certainty, and urging him to offer no resistance to a peaceable separation as it will only involve his administration in disgrace. Provided he does not interfere, they promise to let him finish his term without trouble. In other words, it is proposed that for the sake of peace and quietness he shall allow the disunionists everything they want. Mr. Buchanan will accede to those modest propositions in the face of his recent declaration remains to be seen. The secessionists are very active, and are holding meetings almost continually, at which speeches calculated to excite the people are made."

The same journal of the following day says:—

"The fact that the South is not altogether given over to the secessionists will be gathered from our dispatches this morning. The Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, it will be seen, has been unanimously nominated by the citizens of Taliaferro County, G., as delegate of the Sub Convention which is soon to meet in Georgia on the grave question now agitating the country. In Baltimore yesterday the secession spirit was rebuked in a significant manner. A palmetto flag was displayed by an association calling themselves the 'Southern Volunteers,' and it provoked only groans and hisses from a crowd which collected round it, and the captain of a vessel in the harbour who displayed the same flag at his masthead, was rebuked immediately by the display of the stars and stripes from all other vessels in port. From Washington we continue to receive rumours relative to changes in the Cabinet. It is now somewhat positively asserted that Secretary Cobb and probably Secretary Thompson will soon resign their places. There seems, however, to be no certainty about it yet. The steam ship Columbia, which arrived yesterday from Charleston, brought back 47 more steerage passengers, and was down somewhat in the assignment of 16,800 dols. in specie. We are now beginning to get at the truth relative to the new trouble in Kansas. It will be seen by reference to our dispatches this morning that the late reports based on the statement of Judge Williams are the grossest exaggerations, and unworthy of a moment's belief. That there is serious trouble in Kansas is not denied, but that there have been any such outrages as have been attributed to Captain Montgomery and his band will be doubted after a perusal of our correspondence, which gives a *resumes* of the condition of affairs in the territory for some time past. It will be seen that the trouble is simply a renewal in Southern Kansas of the old feud of '56 and '57, which was suspended for a time by the Amnesty Act, passed by the Territorial Legislature in 1858."

A Washington dispatch says:—

"Private advices of reliable character from Texas, state that the Lone Star flag will be again raised there, and that Texas will organise a Government for herself. One union having failed, she will not risk attaching herself to the second. Her representatives now here rather favour the idea, should dissolution take place. Senator Latham having, arrived, the Pacific representatives are to hold a meeting with a view to issuing a joint address to their constituents, urging a separate confederacy including California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, and New Mexico.

SOUTHWARK ELECTION—THE NOMINATION.

The nomination of candidates for the vacancy in the representation of the borough of Southwark took place at eleven o'clock on Monday morning, in one of the galleries of Taylor's South London Repository, opposite the Elephant and Castle.

The interest attached to the proceedings was rather increased than diminished by the previous retirement of Mr. Fawcett, narrowing the contest to Mr. Layard and Mr. Scovell, and a vast crowd assembled. The former was the first candidate to arrive at the hustings, and he was greeted with tremendous plaudits. The reception of Mr. Scovell, who came there immediately after Mr. Layard, was scarcely less enthusiastic. In fact, the partisans of the two candidates appeared at first pretty equally balanced in numbers and power of lungs, the remarkable fineness of the weather having no doubt a stimulating and invigorating effect.

Mr. W. Gresham, high bailiff, presided over the proceedings.

The usual formalities having been passed through, amid a continued uproar, which reduced them to a perfect farce,

Dr. Evan Jones proposed Mr. Scovell. They had, he said, to decide between the two smiling applicants for their suffrages. (Loud cries of "The Bull.") Let them examine the qualities and antecedents of the gentleman whom he proposed. (These words were scarcely uttered when a person in a gallery opposite that where the hustings was, exhibited a whip with several thongs, and twirled it round in a vigorous manner. This pantomimic proceeding led to his being violently hustled by some of the more zealous members of the Scovell party; a regular *mêlée* ensued, in the midst of which the whip was captured; the police were called in; and it was several minutes before anything like order was restored.)

Mr. John Harris seconded the nomination of Mr. Scovell, not a word that he said being audible at a distance of two yards. By this time it was manifest that the contending parties had come with a determination that the opposite side should not be heard, and the place of speaking was supplied by the rival exhibitions of placards and pictures bearing upon the supposed merits and demerits of the candidates. Tremendous cheers were elicited against Mr. Layard by the spectacle of a brickbat, having reference to a passage in his "Nineveh," in which he describes himself as assisting with that missile in urging on the Arabs to draw the bull out of the sand in which it was embedded.

Mr. G. Newman proposed, and Mr. Wilshire seconded, Mr. Layard; both were judiciously brief.

Mr. Scovell, who was vociferously cheered, then addressed the meeting, but the noise was so great that only a few sentences of his speech could be heard, though Mr. Layard, with others, exerted themselves to obtain silence. A fight on the hustings behind him, and again the reappearance of the whip, were circumstances very unfavourable to the effective delivery of Mr. Scovell's remarks. He began, however, by cautioning the electors of Southwark not to be led away by what they would hear (if they could hear it) from his hon. opponent, who would no doubt say a great many things calculated to delude them. Although he regarded Mr. Layard as one of the remarkable men of our time, and would not speak a word against his personal character, he did think Mr. Layard, if he now wished to get into Parliament, might find a constituency for which he would be more eligible than for the borough of Southwark. For his own part, he (Mr. Scovell) came forward not only as an independent candidate, but as one who would be the local representative. He would do all he could, if he were returned, to defend the privileges and to promote the interests of the borough, for he stood before the men of Southwark as one of themselves, living amongst them, and identified with them in every way. In the House of Commons, he would always be found ready to advocate the cause of the working classes; he was in favour of vote by ballot, of triennial Parliaments, and of household suffrage. Any well-considered plan for settling disputes between masters and men should obtain his support, with a view to obviate the evil of strikes. He was a sincere churchman, and he would, for the sake of the church itself, be in favour of any plan for the satisfactory settlement of the church-rate question. With regard to our foreign policy, he agreed entirely with Lord John Russell on the principle of non-intervention. At the same time, he should be prepared to support the present Government in vigorously carrying on the war with China to its utmost legitimate result. He hoped now that the electors of Southwark would exercise their own judgment upon this occasion, and they might be well assured that, if he were elected to represent them, he would have sufficient courage to defend the rights of the people in Parliament. Mr. Scovell concluded amidst much cheering.

Mr. Layard then presented himself, and was received by those immediately in front of the hustings with such a roar of hisses, groans, and whistling that he was unable to proceed for a long time. In the more distant parts of the assemblage, however, the reception of the honourable candidate was of a very different character. His friends were numerous, and cheered him most vigorously. He at length proceeded to say that he appeared before them on that occasion as a candidate for their suffrages. He had not one word to say in disparagement of the personal character of his hon. opponent, Mr. Scovell. Mr. Scovell appeared before them as the local candidate, and he asked for the suffrages of the large borough of Southwark on local grounds. The question was not whether Mr. Scovell was worthy of their respect on local considerations, but whether he was the fittest person to represent so large a borough as that of Southwark in Parliament. He hoped the electors would not be swayed by any such considerations as that of local interests. Local interests meant the influence of money and of petty cliques. Local interests were the mark of barbarous times, and if they were to prevail they could never have a great and united national party. He asked them, therefore, to put aside the silly consideration of local interest, and to select their candidate on the broader and better grounds of general principles. He had been charged by his hon. opponent with importing personalities into this contest. He denied the charge altogether, but his opponent could not so easily deny it on his part. He had heard that Mr. Fawcett had made over his supporters to Mr. Scovell. He was sorry to hear that, because he thought that Mr. Fawcett, to whom he wished well, and who he believed would do them honour if elected, ought to have retired without leaning to either party. It had been reported that he was opposed to the publicans. That was a charge got up by his opponents. He was not against the publicans, from whom, on the contrary, he got considerable support. He had been in Parliament before, and they knew that he had always taken an independent course, and he should do so again if returned by the great constituency of Southwark. He did not, however, intend to come early to the poll, and to show their voters that they considered him the best representative. The hon. gentleman then retired in the midst of groans and cheers, which, indeed, had never ceased during the brief period he was speaking.

The High Bailiff then took the show of hands, which was very decidedly in favour of Mr. Layard, and so declared by the High Bailiff. A poll was then demanded on behalf of Mr. Scovell.

Mr. Scovell proposed, and Mr. Layard seconded, a vote of thanks to the High Bailiff, which terminated the proceedings.

FREEMASONRY—THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE'S AMERICAN TOUR.

The following is the speech delivered by the Duke of Newcastle at a banquet over which he presided on the occasion of his being installed Provincial Grand Master of Nottingham:—He said—After leaving this country he went to another which, it was true, did not at present own the sceptre of Great Britain, and therefore, throughout the many thousand miles through which he had travelled, there was not the same loyalty because there was not a call for it in a country which was not subordinate to the crown of England, but there was an amount of respect, of attachment, of veneration, and of love for the Queen of this country, which far transcended anything which could possibly have been expected. (Cheers.) It was a tribute on the part of the American people; it was a demonstration of their veneration for female excellence; and it was also a proof of their deep and lasting attachment to the mother country. He had no hesitation in saying that the feeling towards the Queen of England in the United States of America could not be designated by any other word that he knew of but a passion. (Cheers.) He had the gratification in the lodge that morning of seeing a brother—he did not know whether he was in the room at the present moment—who came from America. [It was here announced that the brother in question was present.] He (the duke) was delighted to find that he was there, and he should say nothing in his presence which he would not say even more strongly in his absence, when he stated that the impression made upon his mind by that journey was one which time could not efface. He was referring now to the powerful general influence which the name and throne of this country exercised over other nations, and more especially over those with whom we had a common origin, and he was certain that they would not be wanting on the present occasion in that feeling to wards her Majesty which had been so generally exhibited elsewhere. Having now referred briefly to the attachment exhibited towards her Majesty in the colonies and in the United States of America, he must notice the fact that not a less striking demonstration of affection was recently seen in the anxiety and alarm which he had been told prevailed in this country respecting the safety of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Cheers.) From the manner in which that anxiety was displayed her Majesty might be fully convinced of the ardent attachment of her people. Nor was this less strikingly demonstrated when his Royal Highness reached these shores, for he met with a reception most enthusiastic in its nature at every railway station between Plymouth and Windsor. He would now conclude by asking them to drink "Health to the Queen and prosperity to the Craft," and to give the toast all the masonic honours. (Loud and prolonged cheering.) His Grace, in proposing "The rest of the Royal Family," said it had been the lot of the Prince of Wales, at the age of 19, to render to his country a very great and essential service. Many a man born of a royal family had descended into the grave rendering to his fellow-men much less good service than had been rendered by this young Prince. Whatever may be the destiny which Providence has reserved for him, it is a proud thing that he can say that his voyage and visit to America have delivered nothing so much as that journey could have cemented the good feelings—he said cemented, mind, because he was convinced that they were previously entertained—which exist between the two countries on the opposite sides of the Atlantic. But not only was it desirable that the existence of those good feelings should be known; it was singularly fortunate that they had already been placed on record and propagated by the press. (Cheers.) The feeling between the two countries just now was one of peace and good will, and woe be to us when the day shall come that that peace is broken up. He would not say that that peace was likely to be broken up, but he would say that it was less likely—that the likelihood of such an event had been greatly postponed by that which had taken place. (Cheers.) This he could say of this extraordinary visit that they witnessed in New York and in every other important city in the United States an amount of enthusiasm which was perfectly extraordinary, from the moment at which they entered Detroit till their departure from Portland. (Cheers.) With one solitary exception they met with nothing but enthusiasm, and, in fact, he did believe that this visit of the Prince of Wales to America had done more to cement the good feeling between the two countries than could possibly have been effected by a quarter of a century of diplomacy. The two great peoples on either side of the Atlantic had disclosed those feelings of fraternity which they entertained towards each other. (Cheers.) His grace concluded by proposing "The health of the rest of the Royal Family," with which he coupled the name of his Royal Highness the Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of this society on Monday—Sir Roderick Murchison in the chair—two papers were read on the subject of opening communication with the south-western provinces of China from the British possessions in the East. The first paper was read by Captain Sprye, who advocated the route from Rangoon to Bokok, a Chinese frontier town in the province of Yunnan. The distance was estimated at 600 miles, but a great portion of it would be through British Pegu and the remaining portion through Burmah. Captain Sprye read quotations from several authors who had written on China to show that the province of Yunnan and the adjoining province of Szechuen abound in mineral wealth of all kinds, that they are particularly fertile, and that by opening communcs with that part of China all the riches of the country might be obtained near the places where they are produced. Captain Sprye especially quoted from Mr. Crawford's work on China to show the commercial advantages that would result from establishing direct relations with Yunnan.

The second paper was read by Dr. M'Cosh, who advocated a route from Calcutta through the mountainous district of Assam, and thence by a more northern portion of the Burmese Empire. He pointed out several routes by which this communication might be effected, and, judging by the published accounts of the great riches that abound in that country, he considered it would be an important means of communication regarded commercially, and that the opening of intercourse with that part of China would be also of great value geographically, as it would supply information respecting a country of which little is at present known.

A long discussion took place after the reading of the papers, which was commenced by Mr. Crawford, who protested against being held responsible for the opinions that had been attributed to him. He said the book that had been published in his name had been written by a clerk of his, named Peter Gordon, who had used his name without any authority. So far was he from assenting to the opinion that the province of Yunnan is fertile and productive, that he believed it to be the most barren spot in the whole of China, and it was known that the comparatively thinly scattered population imported tea and rice from the other provinces. It is well known, he said, that the fertility of China increases towards the East, to which there was direct communication by water, and such minerals as were extracted from the mountainous province of Yunnan could be procured more readily by the river Kiang-tse-Kiang than by any overland route.

Sir John Davis, Captain Sherrard Osborne, Captain Oliphant, and Mr. Lockhart took part in the discussion, and contended generally for promoting communication with the south-western provinces of China by the route proposed by Captain Sprye. Mr. Lockhart particularly noticed the mineral riches of those provinces. Though the rice of the country was low, as it is in most mining districts, the mineral wealth is great, and if proper means of mining were introduced there would most probably be abundant supplies from thence of the precious metals and of copper. The copper of Yunnan is at present celebrated throughout China.

Sir Roderick Murchison expressed his satisfaction at the interesting communications that had been read, and at the discussion to which they had given rise, and then adjourned the meeting to the 14th January.

Law Intelligence.

ROLLS COURT—YESTERDAY.

His Honour sat at the usual hour, and, having disposed of the remaining cases on his list—amongst which the following—rose for the vacation.

Stack v. Royse.

This case, as appears in our report of yesterday, came before the court on motion to show cause against a conditional order to revive certain proceedings taken on foot of a judgment.

The petitioner was the cognisor of a judgment which had been marked in the Court of Exchequer against the father of the respondent (Robert Royse). The petitioner sought to revive the proceedings that had stayed by the death of the father, against his son Thomas Royse. The question in the case was, whether the cognisor had a right to revive the proceedings against the respondent, who is the owner and in possession of land in the South of Ireland over which the judgment had been appointed, and who (the respondent) was not entitled to any other property. Counsel for petitioner alleged that in 1840 both father and son admitted the justice of the respondent's claim.

Mr. Serjeant Sullivan, Mr. Barrowes, Q.C., and Mr. Tudor were counsel for the petitioner; Mr. Brewster, Q.C., and Mr. Warren, Q.C., for the respondent.

Mr. Brewster, Q.C., showed cause on the part of the respondent.

Serjeant Sullivan, and Mr. Barrowes, Q.C., replied on behalf of the petitioner, and contended that the respondent should be left to file a cause petition, praying for relief, instead of, upon summary motion, endeavouring to oust the petitioner of his rights, and that the petitioner was entitled, so far at least as the freehold property was concerned, to have the receiver continued. The respondent had got into possession of the lands through means of the receiver, and disputed the claim of the petitioner on foot of the judgment. If any question of dispute arose in the county of Limerick, and it was neither legal nor equitable that a person (Robert Royse) should be allowed to convey and settle lands of which he was not possessed at the time of the execution of the deed (which, in the present instance, was in the year 1794), and which were not named, but of which he might in future be possessed, so as to deprive a judgment creditor of his rights, which rights were paramount to the alleged rights of the respondent.

At the close of the arguments yesterday,

The Master of the Rolls said there was some difficulty in deciding upon who the *onus* of filing a cause